

Safe Kids Indiana

SUMMER 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Child Passenger Safety Week
Sept 15 - 21, 2013

National Seat Check Saturday
Sept 21, 2013

Fire Safety Week
October 7 - 13, 2013

International Walk to School Day
October 9, 2013

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Did You Know?



Water Safety

The summer is here and school is out! For many families, vacation plans will involve water. Whether you are at home, going to the pool, or heading to the beach, safety should be a priority.

Did you know that:

- Swimming pools are the most common site for a drowning to occur for children ages 1 to 4.
 - An average of 1,027 children die each year from unintentional drowning.
 - The majority of infant drowning deaths happen in bathtubs or large buckets.
 - African-American children ages 5 to 14 are almost three times more likely to drown than Caucasian children.
- In an effort to reduce drowning deaths in the US,

Safe Kids Worldwide has partnered with Young Minds Inspired, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Head Start Association to develop **Start Safe: Water**.

Start Safe: Water is a program designed for children 2 to 4 years old and their families to prevent accidental drowning. The program encourages people **look** or restrict access to water. That includes backyard pools, public pools, and even inside the home. Bathtubs and toilets also pose drowning risks. Parents are reminded to **look** for potential hazards. They should keep an attentive eye on their children, inside and outside the home. In addition, families are encouraged to **learn** about water safety and also learn first-aid/CPR.

Safe Water guides are available at:

www.safekids.org/other-resource/start-safe-water-guide

Top Tips

What can you do to keep kids safe around water? Here are some safety tips:

- Never leave your child unattended around water, even at home. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
- Be a responsible Water Watcher! Put the cell phone away, and give young children 100 percent of your attention when they are near or around water.
- Empty all tubs, buckets, containers and wading pools immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.
- Parents should learn CPR. In the event of an accident, that training could be the difference between life and death.

For additional resources, go to:

- 1.) www.safekids.org/watersafety
- 2.) www.poolsafely.gov/



Fireworks Safety Tips

According to the NFPA's Fireworks report, by John R. Hall, Jr., June 2013:

- On the Fourth of July, two out of five fires are caused by fireworks.
- In 2011, an estimated 17,800 fires were caused by fireworks, and an estimated 9,600 people were treated for fireworks related injuries.
- Children ages 5-19 and adults ages 25-44 were at greatest risk of injury from fireworks.
- Sparklers can heat up to 1,200 degrees, which is hot enough to melt glass.
- Glow sticks are a safe alternative to sparklers and do not cause burns.
- Never leave children unsupervised around fireworks.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks. Loose clothing can catch on fire.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.

Safe Kids Worldwide wants families to enjoy the summer holidays and celebrate responsibly.

Since children are at great risk of injury and burns, it is strongly recommended that families do not use fireworks at home. Instead, families should attend public fireworks presentations because appropriate safety measures will be implemented.

If families do choose to use fireworks at home, here are safety tips:

- Point fireworks away from homes.
- Keep fireworks away from brush, leaves, and flammable substances.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby, and know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- If a child is injured by fireworks, seek medical attention immediately.
- If an eye injury occurs, do not let the child rub it. That may cause additional injury.

Here are additional fire safety resources:

- 1.) www.safekids.org/fire
- 2.) www.usfa.fema.gov/
- 3.) www.nfpa.org

**Safe Kids
Indiana
Preventing
Injuries:
At Home,
At Play,
And On The
Way!**

17th Annual IN Injury Prevention Conference

We had a great conference this year and would like to say **Thank You** to the 132 attendees. Both days were packed full of information regarding occupant protection and child passenger safety. If you were not able to attend this year, we hope to see you next year. Many speakers have allowed us to share their presentations online, and will be made available on www.preventinjury.org in July 2013.

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