



## Maryland RISK WATCH® CMT Update - August/ September 2007



**TO: Maryland RISK WATCH® Communities**  
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Month/ Dates	Activity/ Theme/ Module	Comments & Resources
September / October	Motor Vehicle Safety School Bus Safety	<b>October 3, 2007</b> is Walk Your Child to School Day. <b>October 22-27, 2007</b> is National School Bus Safety Week. Many schools focus on Bus Safety early September every year.
September	National Preparedness Month	RW Natural Disaster curriculum is from NFPA for schools who would like to implement any of the modules – General Preparedness & hurricane modules are suggested. Some counties may have American Red Cross support for Masters of Disaster Curriculum. Both cover the same learning objects and merge well with materials from federal websites.

### September/ October Pedestrian and School Safety Materials include:

1. Safe Routes to School online Guide - [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org)  
Maryland's coordinator is **Joseph B. Pelaia** at SHA/MHSO [jpelaia@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jpelaia@sha.state.md.us)
2. National Center for Safe Routes to School - [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org) – has ideas for events, downloadable check lists and graphics
3. NFPA Risk Watch website has detailed information on both bike and walking activities for schools and local community groups  
[www.riskwatch.org/parent\\_bike.html](http://www.riskwatch.org/parent_bike.html)
4. Ride Smart & Safe and Walk Smart – Safe Crossing Rules (MHSO/SHA Bike Safety Program)
5. NHTSA website -planners and handouts for Pedestrian, Bike & School Bus Safety  
[www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/Int-WalkToSchoolPlanner2006/pages/lwalkMain.htm](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/Int-WalkToSchoolPlanner2006/pages/lwalkMain.htm)  
  - Pedestrian Crashes handout (NHTSA website: bulk orders & pdfs to download)
  - Walkability Checklist (NHTSA website: bulk orders and pdfs to download)
  - School Bus Safety (NHTSA website: materials to order & pdfs to download)
6. Federal Highway Administration website has new information for Pedestrian Safety  
[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/PED\\_BIKE/ped/index.htm](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/PED_BIKE/ped/index.htm)

***As you find more information on pedestrian safety – please forward to the EMSC Program office and we will post on the Prevention and Risk Watch web pages.***