



Maryland RISK WATCH® CMT Bike Safety Update - May 2007



TO: Maryland RISK WATCH® Champions

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| <p>May 2007 is a very busy month for safety advocates</p> | <p>Bike Safety Month</p> <p>Safe Kids Week</p> <p>EMS Week</p> <p>EMSC Day</p> <p>Boating Safety</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">May 2007</p> <p>April 28 – May 6, 2007 – Make It A Safe Kids Summer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 20-26, 2007</p> <p>May 23, 2007 – Right Care When it Counts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 19-25, 2007 – National Safe Boating Week</p> |

Bike Safety

Each year, more than 500,000 people in the US are treated in emergency departments, and more than 700 people die as a result of bicycle-related injuries. Children are at particularly high risk for bicycle-related injuries. In 2001, children 15 years and younger accounted for 59% of all bicycle-related injuries seen in US emergency departments. Learn more about the problem of bicycle related injuries and what you can do to prevent them at the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center \(www.bicyclinginfo.org\)](http://www.bicyclinginfo.org).

Additional websites with information on Bike Safety include:

NHTSA

“Helmet Junction”- www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/outreach/KidsPage/biketour/helmet
Safety Tip # 7 –www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/newtips/images/PDFs/CPSafetuTip7.pdf
“Bikeability” Checklist for Communities - www.bicyclinginfo.org/pdf/bikabilitychecklist.pdf

National Safe Kids Safety Tips – www.safekids.org

US Consumer Product Safety Commission --www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/bikepubs.html

Nemours Foundation - kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/bike_safety.html

<http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/PPPed.html>
<http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RISKWATCH2.htm>