



Maryland's Calendar for Prevention & Preparedness



Below is a **SAMPLE** Timeline for Safety & Injury Prevention Activities based upon the school timelines from the work of the Maryland RISK WATCH® Champion Team. Additional national safety observances are also available from Safe Kids USA, Home Safety Council, Partnership for a Safer Maryland and the National Safety Council.

Month	Theme	Information	Website Resources
January	Home Safety Winter Storm Safety	January is Home Heating Safety Month January is also a great time to teach about Winter Storm Safety and Preparedness	www.homesafetycouncil.org www.ready.gov
February	Burn Awareness Week	The second week in February is always Burn Awareness Week – the 2011 theme is “Safety Begins at Home”	www.ameriburn.org www.burnprevention.org www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/
March	Poison Prevention	<i>National Poison Prevention Week</i> , March 20-26, 2011. Plan ahead for the 50 th anniversary of <i>National Poison Prevention Week</i> , March 18-24, 2012.	www.mdpoison.com www.poison.org http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov www.poisonprevention.org
April	Falls & Playgrounds	April is National Playground Safety Week Playground safety is year round	www.playgroundsafety.org www.nrpa.org/playgroundsafety/
May	Bike Safety	May is Bike Safety Month Rodeos and safety checks are a great way to reach children and families.	www.nhtsa.gov
May	Water Safety	National Boating Safety Week occurs starting with Memorial Day each year. Water Safety topics for open water and pools.	http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/safety/lifejack-et.asp www.safeboatingcouncil.org
June	Summer Safety	Traveling safely, Swimming safety, & Fireworks safety	www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/summertips.cfm



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July	Firework Safety	Children and Fireworks do not mix. Please encourage families to attend professional fire work displays.	http://fireworksafety.com
May – November	Hurricane & Storm Safety	Each year FEMA, American Red Cross and the National Weather Service provide updates on the June – November Hurricane Season. Materials are included in the Risk Watch Natural Disasters Curriculum and the ARC Disaster Curricula.	www.ready.gov www.redcross.org www.education.noaa.gov/
September	Traffic Safety: Motor Vehicle Safety School Bus Safety	Many schools focus on Bus Safety in September while October includes National School Bus Safety Week	www.marylandpublicschools.org
September	Child Passenger Safety	National CPS Week is in September with a national Car Seat Check Saturday	www.safekids.org www.mdckiss.org www.nhtsa.gov
October	Fire & Burn Prevention	National Fire Prevention Week is the second week in October each year. The Theme will be announced by NFPA.	www.nfpa.org www.homesafetycouncil.org www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/
October	Pedestrian Safety	International Walk to School Day the first Wednesday in October each year. Halloween also provides a great opportunity to focus on walking safely.	www.safekids.org www.walktoschool.org
November	Fire Arm Safety	Hunting season starts in October & November Gun (hand and hunting) safety is year round issue	www.riskwatch.org
December	Choking, Suffocation & Strangulation	December has many holidays – Toy Safety is a logical focus.	www.healthychildren.org www.cpssc.gov



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