

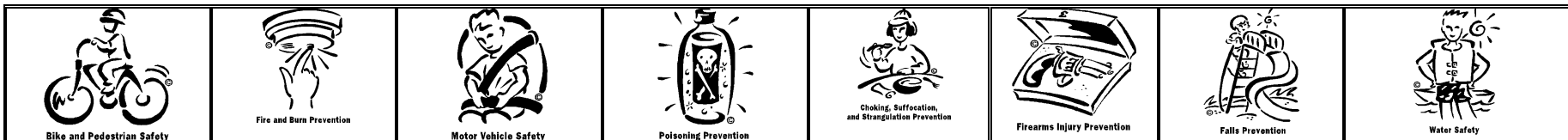


Maryland Risk Watch & Safe Kids Calendar for Prevention & Preparedness



Below is a **SAMPLE** Timeline for Safety & Injury Prevention Activities based upon the annual injury prevention focuses by month or week from national safety observances calendars provided by Safe Kids Worldwide, Partnership for a Safer Maryland and the National Safety Council. Remember – Any day is a great time to teach injury prevention & safety!

Month	Theme	Information	Website Resources
January	Winter Storm Safety	January is great time to teach about Winter Storm Safety and Preparedness	www.ready.gov https://emergency.cdc.gov/protect.asp
February	Burn Awareness Week	Second week in February is always Burn Awareness Week and materials are posted by the ABA. 2025 THEME: Preventing Burns at Home 2024 THEME: Flammable liquid burns	www.ameriburn.org www.burnprevention.org https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/fire-officials/
March	Poison Prevention	The third week in March is always National Poison Prevention Week. Teach families to program the 1-800-222-1222 number into their phones.	www.mdpoison.com www.poison.org http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov
April	Falls & Playgrounds	April is National Playground Safety Week First week in April is Window Safety Week <i>April is also the kick off for Heatstroke in Vehicle Prevention</i>	www.playgroundsafety.org www.nrpa.org/playgroundsafety https://www.safekids.org/tip/falls-prevention-tips
May	Bike Safety Trauma Month Safe Kids Week Boating Safety	May is busy! Rodeos and safety checks are a great way to reach children and families. Bike Safety Month Trauma Prevention Month – Stop The Bleed Day Safe Kids Month National Boating Safety Week	www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles https://www.miemss.org/home/bike-safety-project www.amtrauma.org/page/IPCR www.safekids.org www.safeboatingcouncil.org
June	Summer Safety	Traveling safety Open and Swift Water Safety (Wear PFDs) Swimming safety – learn to swim	https://zerodeathsmd.gov/ www.safercar.gov https://www.safekids.org/tip/swimming-safety-tips
July	Firework Safety	Children and Fireworks do not mix. Sparklers ARE Dangerous Please encourage families to attend professional firework displays.	www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/fireworks www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-education-centers/fireworks https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/fireworks





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August	Hurricane & Storm Safety	Summer is Hurricane Season September is National Preparedness Month	www.ready.gov 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.nhtsa.gov/School-Buses www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/back-to-school/bus
September	Child Passenger Safety	National CPS Week is in September with a national Car Seat Check held in many places on the third Saturday. May 1st is National Heatstroke Awareness (NHTSA) May is also CPS Technician recognition	www.safekids.org www.mdkiss.org www.nhtsa.gov and www.safercar.gov
October	Safe Sleep	October is SIDS/ SUID Awareness Month	https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/ https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/features/aby-safe-sleep/
October	Fire & Burn Prevention	National Fire Prevention Week is the second week in October each year. Theme changes annually.	www.nfpa.org https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/
October	Pedestrian Safety	International Walk to School Day the first Wednesday in October each year. Plus Halloween!	www.safekids.org www.walkbiketoschool.org/
November	Fire Arm Safety	Hunting season starts in October & November Gun (hand and hunting) safety is year round issue.	www.safekids.org/tip/gun-safety-tips www.projectchildsafe.org/
November	Carbon Monoxide	November is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week lead by the National Association of Fire Marshals	https://www.ncoaa.us/ https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/life-safety-hazards/carbon-monoxide/
December	Choking, Suffocation & Strangulation	December has many holidays: Fire Safety is important with all holiday traditions Toy Safety is a logical focus	www.healthychildren.org www.cpsc.gov www.safekids.org

