



## Safe Kids Maryland State Coalition Meeting

Date: March 4, 2026 (Wednesday)

Time: 12:30 PM –3:00 PM

VIRTUAL Meeting through **GoToMeeting**

**In Person Location:** MIEMSS 653 West Pratt St. Room 212  
Baltimore Maryland 21201

*GoToMeeting Virtual Option: Available & listed below*



### Meeting Agenda

12:00 PM – Please RSVP for *Networking Luncheon & Sign In with EMSC –PEMAC*

Register for the meeting:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/10e4f9fb43b8447b907d7dede5821c91>

12:30 PM Orientation to GoTo Meeting platform

*Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.*

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/318588853>

*You can also dial in using your phone.*

*United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3311](tel:+18722403311)*

*Access Code: 318-588-853*

12:35 PM Welcome & Introductions in the room & on the GoToMeeting /conference call

12:45 **Local Safe Kids Coalitions & Community Partner Updates**

*Please submit written summary's to [safekidsmd@miemss.org](mailto:safekidsmd@miemss.org)*

- ↳ Allegany /Garrett VFRA County Community Partner
- ↳ Anne Arundel County Community Partner
- ↳ Baltimore City Coalition
- ↳ Carroll County Coalition
- ↳ Cecil County Community Partner
- ↳ Charles County Community Partner
- ↳ Frederick County Coalition
- ↳ Garrett County Community Partner
- ↳ Howard County Coalition
- ↳ Montgomery County Coalition
- ↳ Ocean City Community Partner
- ↳ Prince George's County Coalition
- ↳ Queen Anne's County / United Communities VFD
- ↳ Southern Maryland LAMSFA Community Partner
- ↳ Talbot County DES Community Partner
- ↳ Tidalhealth PRMC Community Partner
- ↳ Washington County Coalition
- ↳ Trauma Centers / TraumaNET

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### 2026 Spring Focus Risk Area Updates

#### Updates on Injury Risk Areas:

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#### 13:30 Maryland Poison Center, Emily Patterson

1. March 15-21, 2026 is National Poison Prevention Week:

***“When the unexpected happens, Poison Help is here for you”***

2. Poison Prevention Press

<https://www.mdpoison.com/factsandreports/annual.html>

#### 13:40 Pedestrian & Bike Safety

1. MHSO update (P-BEAT) – Cynthia Spriggs

<https://zerodeathsmd.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-bicyclist-safety/>

2. Be Street Wise: Drive Safe, Walk Safe, Bike Safe

<https://roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=577>

#### 13:50 CPS & Occupant Protection updates

1. MHSO update (OP- DDEAT) – Mark Wall

2. CPS & OP Healthcare Project - Susanne Ogaitis-Jones [cps@miemss.org](mailto:cps@miemss.org)

3. KISS Update – Tracy Whitman and Claire Meyer and Deborah Ilufoye

4. 2026 CPST courses will be posted - <https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech>

5. CPS Board meeting – tba

#### 14:00 Safe Sleep Project Update, Cyndy Wright Johnson

1. ENA & MD EMSC Focus on Safe Sleep hospital polices

2. AAP Policy Statement & Technical Report (2022)

3. Sleep Awareness Week – March 8-14, 2026 (Adult & Child focus)

4. Safe To Sleep (SIDS Awareness) – Oct. 2026 <https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/resources>

5. Cribs for Kids: Safe Sleep Champion Webinars - <https://cribsforkids.org/webinar/>

#### 14:25 Water Safety Update

1. Maryland DNR

2. Safe Kids Worldwide focus on Drowning - [Water Safety at Home | Safe Kids Worldwide](#)

3. SKWW Webinar series – please see handout of four 2026 dates

4. National Drowning Prevention Alliance - [NDPA - National Drowning Prevention Alliance](#)  
(<https://ndpa.org>)

#### 13:30 Fire & Burn Safety updates

1. Fire Incidence / Fatalities: Office of the State Fire Marshal, Teresa Ann Crisman

2. Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar – **March 21, 2026 (Saturday) @ MFRI**  
*Registration in OPEN and closes March 13, 2026* [www.mfri.org](http://www.mfri.org) under SEMINARS

3. MSFA Fire & Injury Prevention Life Safety Committee –Teresa Ann Crisman, MSFA

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### 14:35 State and National Updates

**March safety messaging** will focus on **Poison Prevention Week March 15-21, 2026**

- ✚ 2025 Theme is “When the unexpected happens, Poison Help is here for you 24/7”
- ✚ <https://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-you-can-do/poison-prevention-week>
- ✚ <https://poisoncenters.org/nppw-2024>
- ✚ Maryland Poison Center has the 2023 county and state level reports posted @ <https://www.mdpoison.com/factsandreports/countyreports2023/>

**April safety messaging** will focus on **Distracted Driving Month & Window Safety Month**

- ✚ <https://www.nhtsa.gov/ahttps://www.nsc.org/pril-distracted-driving-awareness-month>
- ✚ <https://zerodeathsmd.gov/road-safety/distracted-driving/>
- ✚ **Second week in April – Window Safety Month**
- ✚ <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/window-safety-week>

**June/ summer safety messaging** will focus on many travel & recreation messages

- ✚ National Safety Council has resources for the entire summer - <https://www.nsc.org/>
- ✚ Water Safety Resources include:  
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Pages/BoatingSafety/home.aspx>  
<https://www.poolsafely.gov/>
- ✚ Firework Safety resources include:  
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks>  
<https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/fireworks>

Safe Kids Maryland & Risk Watch Maryland are again joining with the EMSC Family Advisory Network to host “**Steps to Safety**” at the **MSFA Convention in Ocean City June 21, 22, 23, 2026.**

Email [safekidsmd@miemss.org](mailto:safekidsmd@miemss.org) for information on volunteering to teach children and families.

### Safe Kids Worldwide Updates and Dates for Future Planning

Safe Kids Worldwide four-webinar series on water safety awareness efforts.

For more information and to register: <https://www.safekids.org/water-safety-webinars>

**May 1, 2026 – National Heatstroke Prevention Day Awareness (SKWW & NHTSA)**

**May 29, 2026 – National Heat Awareness Day (all risk areas/ MOI)**

### May 2026 Safe Kids Week

We anticipate the messaging will remain in alignment with the motto “Keeping Kids Safe at Home, at Play, at School, and On the Way,” with focus on falls and burns (Home), water (at Play), bike safety (at School), and multiple aspects of passenger safety (On the Way). Stay tuned for more information about an upcoming webinar and event ideas!

**15:00 PM Adjournment & Safe Travels**

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