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Back to School Safety For Everyone



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The beginning of the school year is just around the corner. Getting a new wardrobe and school supplies is just part of the equation.

Whether your child is attending school for the first time or is a seasoned high-schooler, now is the time to go over the "rules" to keep everyone safe. Regardless of how your child gets to school, everyone should be alert to potential dangers.

Bus

- ✓ Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street. Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter. Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- ✓ When being dropped off, exit the bus and immediately walk away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are away from the bus.
- ✓ Be aware of the street traffic around you. Motor Vehicle Drivers *are* required to follow the rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Be careful & stay safe!

Car

- ✓ All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat. All children under 13 years of age should

ride in the rear seat of vehicles.

- ✓ Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You may want to limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking, or using a cell phone.
- ✓ If dropping your child off at school, watch until he/she enters the building or accompany your child. Always be aware of surrounding traffic, buses, other drivers dropping children off, etc.

Bike

- ✓ Always wear a helmet, no matter how short or long the ride. Wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- ✓ Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic. Use appropriate hand signals. Know the "rules of the road." Respect traffic lights and stop signs.



Walking

- ✓ Make sure your child's path to school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- ✓ Bright colored reflective clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.
- ✓ If walking to school, it is best to walk with a responsible adult.

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Don't Wait—Create a Disaster Supplies Kit



During any type of event that may knock out power or water to your home, your family must be ready with necessary emergency supplies.

The following items are suggestions to keep easily accessible or on hand in a duffle bag or “go kit” to take with you just in case.

Think about other items you may need if disaster strikes and add them to your list.

- ✓ First-Aid Kit with emergency supplies and non prescription items; Prescriptions & other medicines.
- ✓ Bedding and clothing, including rain gear, sturdy boots /shoes for each family member.



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- ✓ Food for your family and pets. Can opener, ready to eat, canned and/or dried food.
- ✓ Battery operated or hand crank powered radios and flashlights and cell phone chargers.

Keep several items easily assessable or on hand in a duffle bag or “go kit” to take with you just in case.

- ✓ Spare batteries, signal flare, whistle, tools, maps, compass; matches in a waterproof container, paper, pen, pencil.
- ✓ Sanitary products: toilet paper, towelettes, soap, disinfectant, personal hygiene items.
- ✓ Plastic garbage bags, household chlorine bleach, bottled water.
- ✓ Cash, including change; Copies of important documents such as passports and the front and back of insurance and credit cards.
- ✓ Eye glasses, mess kits, or paper/ plastic utensils, cups & plates.

Consider having a whistle, portable public alert radio, a side-winder cell phone charger and a power lantern on hand



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Halloween Safety Indoors and Out



Candy corn, costumes and carved pumpkins set the scene for a fun family Halloween. Here

are some tips provided by the Home Safety Council to make sure your Cinderella or Frankenstein does not get spooked by holiday dangers:

Choosing a Costume

- ✓ Buy only those marked “flame retardant” or “flame resistant”.
- ✓ Avoid long, flowing material and accessories that can move or blow over open flames. Accessories such as knives and swords should be made of soft, flexible material.
- ✓ Choose costumes that are light, bright and clearly visible. Apply reflective tape to the front and back of costumes to help motorists see your child.
- ✓ Avoid costumes that block your child’s vision and increase the risk of a fall. Consider using face paint instead of a mask.

Trick or Treating

- ✓ Give your child a flashlight to light the way and signal drivers of his or her presence. Never carry

candles or any type of open flames as part of a costume.

- ✓ Only permit trick-or-treating at the homes of friends and neighbors you know well. Examine all treats thoroughly before allowing children to eat them.
- ✓ Throw away open treats, those not in their original wrapping and homemade goodies from unknown sources. Slice open fruit to check for foreign objects.

Your Home

- ✓ Young children should never help carve a pumpkin.

Instead, decorate pumpkins with markers, paint or stickers.

- ✓ Do not use candles when decorating porches to prevent costumes from catching fire. Light jack-o-lanterns with small flashlights or flameless battery operated candles.
- ✓ Provide bright walkway and porch lighting to help prevent falls.
- ✓ Offer treats wrapped in their original packages.
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How To Prepare for a Hurricane

You Do Have Time.

Hurricanes, unlike tornadoes and earthquakes, can be forecasted several days before it strikes land. Although we can't predict *exactly* when or where a hurricane will hit or how destructive it will be, you do have time to prepare.

Plan Ahead. If you have to evacuate, know where to go and how to get there. Contact your local emergency management agency. Educate yourself on procedures for recovery and safe clean-up. Ask your local authorities or visit www.cdc.gov.

Establish a gathering place for family members to meet if you get separated. Choose one person everyone can contact with their whereabouts and status.

Safeguard Your Home.

Know how to shut off your home's utilities. Board up windows and secure loose items like patio furniture, grills, etc.

Stock your home with emergency supplies, including canned food, bottled water, medications and personal hygiene items in water-tight storage bins.

Riding the Storm Out.

If you still have power, monitor conditions on TV or radio. Listen for warning sirens. Stay indoors until authorities tell you it's safe to go outside. Stay away from windows and exterior doors: seek shelter in a bathroom or basement. Be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

If you're evacuating don't walk through moving water more than six inches deep, and never drive through flooded roads.

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