

Safe Kids Lower Shore Maryland SAFETY NEWS

Coordinator's Corner

Submitted by Tammy Griffin



Spring has sprung and fun is in the air! For children, this means more outdoor activities such as swimming, camping, bike riding, etc. For parents, this means being extra vigilant to keep your child safe.

Take the time to learn the facts about water, road, fire, and poison safety by visiting the Safe Kids Worldwide website at www.safekids.org. Remind children to always "Gear Up for Safety!" If bike riding or skateboarding, don't forget the helmet! If boating or swimming, don't forget the PFD and the sunscreen! If planning a trip (near or far) be sure that

everyone is buckled in correctly.

Want to learn more about how to help your child gear up for safety? Don't miss the annual Safe Kids Day event on May 10th at the Salisbury YMCA! There will be lots of fun and interactive activities, learning stations and prizes! I look forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying the beautiful warm weather that is quickly on the way!

Have a safe and happy Spring!

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Safe Kids Day 2008

"Gear Up For Safety!" That is the theme for this year's annual 2008 Safe Kids Day. The event will take place on May 10th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Salisbury Mid-Shore Y.M.C.A. The free event will include interactive games and displays to educate parents, caregivers and children about the importance of riding, walking and playing it safe all summer long! Children will have the opportunity to earn lots of prizes!

Representatives from local fire, EMS, law enforcement agencies and other community organizations will be present to provide fun, interactive learning opportunities for everyone. Some of the activities will include a bicycle rodeo, internet safety, water safety, poison prevention, sun safety and much more! There will be visits from Sunguard Man, Vince and Larry the Crash Test Dummies and Safety Pup. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to celebrate the joy of learning and safety!

Let's Get Creative about Pedestrian Safety

Submitted by Karen Waggoner, Wicomico County Highway Safety Task Force

Recently, there has been an alarming rise in pedestrian injuries and deaths on the shore. In Caroline and Dorchester Counties, 3 children were killed when they were hit by cars. In one week alone in Wicomico County, 3 children were hit and injured. Safe Kids Lower Shore Maryland (SKLSM) is looking at creative ways to encourage kids to use crosswalks and be safe.



SKLSM will be partnering with the Wicomico County Highway Safety Task Force to start a pilot project in Wicomico County that will reward students at middle and high schools for using crosswalks. Currently, local pre-

teens and teens are avoiding the crossing guards and crosswalks because it isn't seen as "cool." To counter-act this belief, Safe Kids members will randomly visit schools and reward students seen using crosswalks. Students will be awarded a school cafeteria ice cream coupon with a pedestrian safety message.

Parents, your words and actions have more impact on your children than you might think! Please take the time to remind your children to walk safely and use crosswalks. Even if you think they are old enough to know, reinforce with them that it is important to you that they are safe.

Worcester County Promotes “Stay With Kids” Program

Submitted by Linda Green, RN, Worcester Co. Health Department



Each year there are tragic accidents involving children falling from balconies. Please join us in the campaign to prevent such accidents by displaying these window clings

on sliding glass balcony doors. The clings are available at the Worcester County Health Department Prevention Center in Snow Hill or by mail. To request a window cling, call (410) 632-0056. Remember: Stay With Kids on balconies.

March 18-24, 2008 is National Poison Prevention Week

Submitted by Jennifer Johnson, Wicomico County Health Department

Each year, more than 1 million suspected poisoning exposures in children younger than 6 years old are reported to poison centers nationwide. The Maryland Poison Center receives reports of approximately 38,000 poisonings every year.

To protect your children, label items in and around your home that could be harmful. Remind your children that if they see something they aren't sure is safe for them, they should follow Mr. Yuk's three rules.



1. **STOP**
2. **Don't Touch**
3. **Ask First!**

For poison emergencies or to request Mr. Yuk stickers, call the Maryland Poison Center:

1 (800) 222-1222

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SKLSM Partners with Saturn and Salisbury Jaycees

On Saturday, March 15th Safe Kids Lower Shore held a “Child Safety Seat Awareness Day” which was hosted by Saturn of Salisbury and sponsored by the Salisbury Jaycees. The theme for the event was **“Some Bunny Loves You - Buckle Up.”**

At the event, more than 55 child safety seats were inspected and 40 parents were taught how to properly install their child's seat. Each child who visited the event received a free Easter basket from the Easter Bunny and got to meet the Jaycees Bear! There were also special visits from Delmar Fire Department, Maryland State Police and Randy Scott from Froggy 99.9!

SKLSM would like to thank Buddy Brooks of Saturn for coordinating this event and the technicians who volunteered their time to help!

Karen Waggoner, Wicomico County Sheriff's Office with the Safe Kids Van.



The Easter Bunny in “The Convincer” Seat Belt Demonstrator.



Secret Service staff helps a young visitor with an ID card.



Kevin Greene, Fruitland Police Dept. installs an infant car seat.



Spring 2008 Consumer Product Safety Recalls



Product: **Spiderman® Water Bottles Sold Exclusively at Sears**

Manufacturer: Fast Forward LLC, of New York, N.Y.

Hazard: Screws under the bottle's lid can come loose and fall into the cup, posing a choking hazard to children. Three reports of screws coming loose under the water bottle's lid have been received. No injuries have been reported.

Sold by: Exclusively at Sears stores nationwide from July 2007 – August 2007 for about \$10.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled water bottles away from children and contact Fast Forward LLC at (877) 244-4433 for instructions on returning water bottles for a full refund.

Product:

Importer:

Hazard:

“BabyTown” Pacifiers

Shims Bargain Inc., of Los Angeles, CA.

These pacifiers fail to meet federal safety standards for pacifiers. The pacifier shield is too small and could easily enter the mouth of an infant. Also, ventilation holes are too small and not placed to allow for insertion of a tool to remove the pacifier when lodged in the mouth of a child. Finally, the package fails to display the required warning instructing consumers not to tie a pacifier around a child's neck, which would present a strangulation hazard.

Sold by:

Dollar stores nationwide from March 2004-December 2007 for \$1.

Remedy:

Consumers should take these pacifiers away from children immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund.



Product: **Ellaroo Ring Sling Baby Carriers**

Manufacturer: Ellaroo LLC, of McKinney, TX, manufactured in India.

Hazard: The aluminum rings on the sling carriers can bend or break. This can cause the fabric to slip through the rings and infants to fall out of the carrier. No injuries have been reported.

Sold at: Juvenile product and department stores nationwide and online, including BabiesRUs.com from June 2007 – February 2008 for about \$100.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the sling carriers and contact Ellaroo at (800) 483-4902 or www.ellaroo.com for instructions on returning the carriers for a repair or replacement Ring Sling.

Product:

Manufacturer: Pecoware Co. Inc., of Chino, CA.

Hazard: The children's necklaces contain high levels of lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Sold at: Department and specialty stores nationwide from January 2006 – July 2007 (cat) and from July– November 2007 (heart, heart and key, and lock and key) for about \$13.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled necklaces away from children and contact Pecoware at (800) 456-7326 or www.pecoware.com for instructions on returning the necklaces for a full refund.



Product: **Toy Sundae Sets Sold Exclusively at Target**

Distributor: Battat Inc., of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Manufactured in China.

Hazard: The wooden cherries on top of the toy sundae pose a choking hazard to young children. No injuries or incidents have been reported.

Sold at: Sold exclusively at Target Stores nationwide from December 2006 - December 2007 for about \$10.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toy sundae sets away from children and return the toys to any Target store for a full refund. For additional information, contact Battat, Inc. at (800) 247-6144 or www.battatco.com.

For additional product safety recalls visit www.cpsc.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students CAN Use Sunscreen in School!

Maryland law now allows students to apply the sunscreen they bring to school, in accordance with the Maryland State School Health Services Guideline, Sun Safety for Schools.

To learn how to protect your family from sun damage, please call (410) 334-3480.

For sun safety activities, visit:
www.epa.gov/sunwise/kids.html
www.sunguardman.org

SAFE KIDS DAY



Saturday, May 10, 2008

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mid Shore Y.M.C.A., Salisbury

A FREE day of fun for the whole family!
For more information, call (410) 334-3480.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7th Pepsi Safety Day 12:00 – 5:00
Goddard Parkway, Salisbury

April 8th Seat Check 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Salisbury WIC Office

April 18th SKLSM Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Cooperative Extension, Salisbury

April 18th CEU Course 10:30 a.m.
Cooperative Extension, Salisbury

April 22 – 25th CPS Technician Course
Ocean City, Maryland

May 6th Seat Check 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Salisbury WIC Office

May 10th SAFE KIDS DAY 12-3 p.m.
Salisbury YMCA

*For more information,
please call (410) 334-3480.*

May 13 – 15th 4H Farm Tour
Beechnut Farms, Mardela

May 16th SKLSM Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Wicomico County Health Dept.

June 20th SKLSM Meeting 9:00
Cooperative Extension, Salisbury

June 20th CEU Course 10:30 a.m.
Cooperative Extension, Salisbury



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