



Maryland Risk Watch & Safe Kids Calendar for Prevention & Preparedness



July	Firework Safety	Children and Fireworks do not mix. Please encourage families to attend professional fire work displays.	http://fireworksafety.com www.cpsc.gov
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 http://www.nhtsa.gov/School-Buses
September	Child Passenger Safety	National CPS Week is in September with a national Car Seat Check held in many places on the third Saturday	www.safekids.org www.mdkiss.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.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/
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.walkbiketoschool.org/
November	Fire Arm Safety	Hunting season starts in October & November Gun (hand and hunting) safety is year round issue	www.riskwatch.org www.projectchildsafe.org/
December	Choking, Suffocation & Strangulation	December has many holidays – Toy Safety is a logical focus.	www.healthychildren.org www.cpsc.gov www.safekids.org



Bike and Pedestrian Safety



Fire and Gun Prevention



Motor Vehicle Safety



Poisoning Prevention



Choking, Suffocation,
and Strangulation Prevention



Firearms Injury Prevention



Falls Prevention



Water Safety



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

Month	Theme	Information	Website Resources
January	Winter Storm Safety	January is great time to teach about Winter Storm Safety and Preparedness	www.ready.gov www.weather.com
February	Burn Awareness Week	The second week in February is always Burn Awareness Week – the 2014 theme was “ Scald Prevention ”	www.ameriburn.org www.burnprevention.org www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/children.html
March	Poison Prevention	The third week in March is always National Poison Prevention Week. Both Maryland and the District of Columbia poison center continue to teach families to program the 1-800-222-1222 number into their phones.	www.mdpoison.com www.poison.org http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov www.poisonprevention.org
April	Falls & Playgrounds	April is National Playground Safety Week – remember Playground safety is year round The first week in April is Window Safety Week	www.playgroundsafety.org www.nrpa.org/playgroundsafety www.nsc.org
May	Bike Safety	May is Bike Safety Month, Trauma Prevention Month and Safe Kids Week. Rodeos and safety checks are a great way to reach children and families.	www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles www.amtrauma.org www.safekids.org
May	Water Safety	National Boating Safety Week occurs starting with Memorial Day each year. Also look for water safety topics for open water and pools.	http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Boating/Pages/safety.aspx www.safeboatingcouncil.org
June	Summer Safety	Traveling safely and Swimming safety are a great focus for June.	www.safercar.gov www.cdc.gov/Features/KidsSafety/



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