

Child Safety E-Newsletter



Every Child, A
Safe Child.



Safe Kids monthly E-Newsletter contains information on new recalls, safety announcements, and events to help ensure your little ones safety all year long! Please call or email with your comments, suggestions or to sign up to receive your e-newsletter copy each month. www.nlcsafekids.org



New London — Safe Kids NLC shared findings from a national study showing 66 percent of parents are not at all aware or are only somewhat familiar with the risk of a child becoming entrapped or entangled in the drain of a pool or spa. The research, conducted by Safe Kids Worldwide, was announced at a press conference as part of a local event marking National Safe Kids Week 2006 (May 6-13).

This year's National Safe Kids Week events are dedicated to preventing drowning, the second leading cause of accidental death among children ages 1 to 14. A specific focus has been put on drain entrapment and entanglement, a particularly horrific way for children to drown. Entrapment occurs when part of a child's body becomes attached to a drain because of the powerful suction of a pool or spa's filtration system. It also can occur when a child's hair or swimsuit gets tangled in the drain or on an underwater object, such as a ladder.

"A child is no match for the powerful suction of a drain," said **Esther Schuman**, Safe Kids NLC coordinator.

Safe Pools Cont.....

"With the right equipment and knowledge children can easily be protected from this risk. Parents should warn their children to stay away from drains and install safety devices if they own a pool or spa."

The new research shows only one third (34 percent) of parents with children aged 14 or under in the household recognize that drowning is one of the top two causes of accidental death among children, and that 66 percent are not at all or only somewhat familiar with the threat of drain entrapment and entanglement. Both of these findings are alarming because research reveals that pool and spa ownership is becoming more popular. One out of two parents (49 percent) report that they have a pool or spa at home.

For more information or for a copy of the research report, contact Safe Kids NLC at 860-442-0733 or esther@community-partnerships.com, or visit www.usa.safekids.org.

Upcoming Safety Seat Events

- 5/2- L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/3- Mohegan 12-3 PM
- 5/4-L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/5- Norwich FD 10-1PM
- 5/9-L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/10- Mohegan 12-3 PM
- 5/11- L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/15-Mohegan 4:30-7:30 PM
- 5/16-L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/17-Mohegan 12-3 PM
- 5/18-L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/23-L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/24-Mohegan 12-3 PM
- 5/25-L&M 4-7 PM
- 5/30-L&M 4-7 PM

Please note:

All Car Seat Checks are by Appointment ONLY!!!!

Please call at least a month prior to delivery if you are expecting.

Please bring your car seat, directions to the car seat, and the owner's manual for your vehicle.

Appointments can be made by calling 442-0733



National Dog Bite Prevention Week

Man and woman's best friend bites more than 4.7 million people a year, and key experts believe that public education can help prevent these bites. The third full week of May is National Dog Bite Prevention Week, and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the United States Postal Service, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are each working to educate Americans about dog bite prevention.

Each year, 800,000 Americans seek medical attention for dog bites; half of these are children. Of those injured, 386,000 require treatment in an emergency department and about a dozen die. The rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for children ages 5 to 9 years, and the rate decreases as children age. Almost two thirds of injuries among children ages four years and younger are to the head or neck region. Injury rates in children are significantly higher for boys than for girls.

Things to Consider Before You Get a Dog

Consult with a professional (e.g., veterinarian, animal behaviorist, or responsible breeder) to learn about suitable breeds of dogs for your household.

Dogs with histories of aggression are inappropriate in households with children.

Be sensitive to cues that a child is fearful or apprehensive about a dog and, if so, delay acquiring a dog.

Spend time with a dog before buying or adopting it. Use caution when bringing a dog into the home of an infant or toddler.



Spay/neuter virtually all dogs (this frequently reduces aggressive tendencies).

Never leave infants or young children alone with any dog.
Do not play aggressive games with your dog (e.g., wrestling).
Properly socialize and train any dog entering the household.
Teach the dog submissive behaviors (e.g., rolling over to expose abdomen and relinquishing food without growling).
Immediately seek professional advice (e.g., from veterinarians, animal behaviorists, or responsible breeders) if the dog develops aggressive or undesirable behaviors.

Preventing Dog Bites

Teach children basic safety around dogs and review regularly:

Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.

Do not run from a dog and scream.

Remain motionless (e.g., "be still like a tree") when approached by an unfamiliar dog.

If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still (e.g., "be still like a log").

Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.

Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.

Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.

Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.

Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first. If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.

May Recall

Children's Necklaces Recalled for Lead Poisoning

Name of Product: Children's Necklaces

Units: About 55,000

Hazard: The recalled necklaces contain high levels of lead, posing a serious risk of lead poisoning and adverse health effects to young children.

Description: The recalled choker-style necklaces are silver-colored hearts, crosses and clovers that hang from a blue, maroon or black velvety cord. The jewelry's packaging is white cardboard with "In Style" printed on the front, and UPC number 041838140766 on the back.

Sold at: Dollar General Stores from January 2003 through December 2005 for about \$1.

Manufactured In: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately return the recalled jewelry to the nearest Dollar General Store for a refund.



"This is the biggest CD I've ever seen!" -- *On first seeing a record.*



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