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Every Child a Safe Kid

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

Have Fun... Your Kids are Safe: Helping Hints for Babysitters

What makes a "good" babysitter who is asked back again and again? There is no one characteristic that makes someone a good babysitter. Instead, a good babysitter successfully combines the knowledge and skills associated with leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid, and professionalism. Here are some tips to get you started on the road to safety while babysitting.

- Always be aware that an infant or child can be burned by anything that is hot, including food, drinks, bath water, heaters, and stoves or ovens.
- Make sure that homes where you babysit are equipped with operating smoke alarms.
- Keep matches, lighters, and candles away from children at all times.
- Talk to parents or guardians about a Family Fire Escape Plan.
- Know how to use the fire extinguisher and where it is located.
- Teach children to Stop, Drop, and Roll if their clothing catches on fire.
- If fire occurs, get yourself and the children out and don't return to a burning building. Your job is to protect the children, not their belongings. **Source: American Red Cross**



Child Safety Seat Inspections

8/1- L&M 4-7 PM

8/3-L&M 4-7 PM

8/8-L&M 4-7 PM

8/10-L&M 4-7 PM

8/16-Mohegan 12-3

8/22-L&M 4-7 PM

8/29-L&M 4-7 PM

8/2- Mohegan 12-3 PM

8/4- Norwich FD 10-1PM

8/9- Mohegan 12-3 PM

8/15- L&M 4-7 PM

8/17-L&M 4-7 PM

8/24-L&M 4-7 PM

8/31-L&M 4-7 PM



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

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

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Safe Kids Worldwide urges: no children under 16 on ATVs

WASHINGTON — All-terrain vehicles are involved in approximately 38,000 injuries and 100 deaths to children ages 16 and under each year. While wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injuries, there are no safety devices that adequately protect against other injuries commonly sustained while riding ATVs. Accordingly, Safe Kids Worldwide recommends that no children under age 16 be allowed to ride an ATV under any circumstances. “Compared to a bike crash, an ATV crash is six times more likely to send a child to the hospital and 12 times more likely to kill a child,” says Martin R. Eichelberger, M.D., president and CEO of Safe Kids Worldwide.

ATV’s: Wear a Helmet...You Only Live Once

Safety Experts Issue New ATV Guidelines

“A child riding an ATV is **four times** as likely to be seriously injured as a rider over age 16.”

ATV rollovers, collisions and ejections can cause instantly fatal head injuries as well as serious nonfatal injuries to the head, spinal cord and abdomen.

“ATVs are inherently difficult to operate, and children do not have the cognitive and physical abilities to drive or ride these vehicles safely,” says Eichelberger. “If you’re not old enough to drive a car on a paved road with traffic control devices, you’re certainly not old enough to drive a powerful open-seat vehicle at speeds up to 70 miles per hour over dirt trails and wild terrain.”

“Previous efforts to make ATVs safer for kids have proved inadequate,” says Alan Korn, SAFE KIDS director of public policy.

“Government efforts and the voluntary standards observed by the industry have not kept children out of the emergency room. On the contrary, the number of kids getting seriously injured on ATVs every year is increasing.”

In 1998, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission banned the manufacture of three-wheeled ATVs, mandated warning labels and set standards for the engine size of ATVs intended for children. Ten years later, the ATV industry adopted policies restricting the sale of adult-sized ATVs (with engines bigger than 90 cc) for use by children under age 16.

The number of ATV-related injuries per year doubled between 1993 and 2001, and the injury and death rates are highest among riders under 16. In 2003, children accounted for nearly one third of all ATV-related injuries.

“After extensive review of the data, we conclude that there is simply no way to make ATV riding a safe activity for children,” says Eichelberger. **Source: www.safekids.org**

Recalls- for more recalls visit recalls.gov

Humidifiers Recalled For Fire Hazard

Name: Warm Mist CareFree Humidifier
Hazard: Water from the humidifier can leak into the unit’s electrical compartment posing a fire hazard.
Description & Models: The recalled humidifiers are white or black plastic with blue or green tinted water tanks. “Hunter” and “NiteGlo” are printed on the humidifier.
Remedy: Consumers should stop using these recalled humidifiers and unplug them immediately. Contact Hunter Fan Co. to receive a free replacement part.

Plastic Covers of Children’s Furniture Recalled: Choking Hazard

Name: Homeroom Bedroom Collection
Hazard: The small cam lock covers can be easily removed, presenting a choking hazard to young children.
Description & Models: This recall involves plastic cam hardware covers used to cover the hardware on the Homeroom bedroom collection. Sold in a natural stain maple veneer, the collection includes a bed, dresser, nightstand, and toy chest and shelving systems.
Remedy: Consumers should immediately remove the hardware covers and dispose of them.



Remind children to never stand on, jump off or lay on their bellies while a swing is in motion because it might look fun but it could result in serious injury.

A recent study found that children play without adult supervision more often on school playgrounds than playgrounds in parks or childcare centers. Do tell children to make sure that there is an adult around each time they go into the playground.

Do not allow children to run down, or slide down park slides inappropriately because this is a major reason for injuries on the playground.

www.kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/outdoor/playground.html

“I’m glad I’m finally eight. It’s the oldest I’ve been in my entire life”.