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Safe Kids

Every Child a **Safe Kid**

CPSC Reminds Parents to Keep Safety in Mind When Sending Children Back To School

Summer is quickly coming to an end and parents and children nationwide are preparing for another school year. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is reminding parents to take precautions to keep children safe when they head back to school.

Drawstrings on Children's Clothing

One hazard to watch for is drawstrings on children's clothing. This hidden hazard can lead to deaths and injuries because drawstrings can catch on such items as playground equipment. CPSC recommends that parents or caregivers only buy upper outerwear without hood and neck drawstrings. If you find children's clothing with drawstrings in your home, completely remove the hood and neck drawstrings from all children's upper outerwear, including jackets and sweatshirts.

Wear the Right Helmet

Rather than ride the bus, many children ride bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. To reduce the risk of serious head injury or death, children should wear a helmet - and it is important to wear the appropriate helmet for your sport. About 800 people, approximately 180 children, died in bicycle-related incidents in a recent year. More than half of the 500,000 bicycle-related emergency room-treated injuries in 2005 involved children under the age of 15. Wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of a head injury by up to 85 percent. Look for a label inside the bicycle helmet indicating it meets the CPSC standard. Other sport helmets, including those for skateboarders and football players, have labeling certifying compliance with other standards.

Playgrounds: Each year, more than 200,000 children are taken to hospital emergency rooms due to playground-related injuries. Most injuries occur when a child falls onto the playground surface. There should be a layer of safe, shock absorbing surface material, consisting of wood chips, mulch, sand, pea gravel, or mats made of safety-tested rubber or fiber material around playground equipment. Make sure there is no exposed hardware to catch clothing and no free-hanging ropes attached to the equipment, which could cause strangulation.

For additional information go to www.cpsc.gov



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. Go to www.nlcsafekids.org today!!

A special thanks to all the volunteers for helping keep kids safe

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Child Safety Seat Inspections

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| 9/1- Norwich FD 10-1 PM | 9/5-L&M 4-7 PM |
| 9/6- Mohegan 12-3 PM | 9/7 -L&M 4-7 PM |
| 9/12-L&M 4-7 PM | 9/13-Mohegan 12-3PM |
| 9/14- L&M 4-7 PM | 9/19-L&M 4-7 PM |
| 9/20- Mohegan 12-3PM | 9/21-L&M 4-7 PM |
| 9/26-L&M 4-7 PM | 9/27- Mohegan 12-3PM |
| 9/28-L&M 4-7 PM | |

Please note:
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.
860 442-0733

