

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Summer Safety during outdoor activities is crucial to risk reduction for everyone. Tips for some of these activities are:

Swimming

- Never swim near a boat ramp, marina, or close to a boat.
- Teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Adults need to stay with children when they are in or around water.
- Children and inexperienced swimmers should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life safety jackets.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Keep areas around docks and pool decks clear of floats, balls, and other toys.



Bicycling

- Always wear a bike helmet and bright-colored clothes when cycling.
- Install reflectors and lights for better visibility.
- Ride with both hands on the handlebars.
- Check your brakes often to make sure they work.
- Ride in a single file in the same direction as traffic.
- Stop at STOP signs and obey traffic lights.



Campfires

- Always check with local authorities to make sure campfires are permitted in your area.
- Clear the area of dry leaves, low-hanging branches, and other combustibles.
- Build campfires 25 feet from buildings and trees.
- Monitor weather conditions to avoid dry and windy conditions.
- Follow the 3 feet rule. Keep children, pets, or anything that might catch fire at least 3 feet from any heat source.
- Always stay with your fire.
- Have tools, dirt, and or water close by to extinguish the fire.



Pet Safety



- Avoid exposing them to loud noise from fireworks and thunderstorms.
- Keep them cool or in the shade during high summer temperatures and bright days to prevent dehydration, overheating, and scorched paws.
- Store insecticides, products with citronella, glow sticks, and other toxic items out of the reach of pets.
- Follow the directions when spraying chemicals and keep pets away from those areas.
- Do not leave pets in hot cars! An 85-degree day with a window open 1 inch will allow an increase in temperature to 100-degrees in 10 minutes.

During Summer, keep a watchful eye on weather conditions. Stormy conditions increase significantly and being aware is the beginning of safe activities.