



# Safety Ambassador Newsletter

## Ideas, Ideas, Ideas!

This is a special edition of our **Safety Ambassador** newsletter. It will give you lots of ideas of how you can let everyone in your school know about **Safety Assist** and how to keep safe.

Don't forget that we are here to help you. Phone, fax or e-mail our office whenever you need resources, answers to questions, ideas ... anything at all! We are there to help you. Look at the back page of this newsletter for the numbers to call to contact our office.

Try to come to one of our **training workshops** this year - they are a lot of fun and you will gain valuable information from them. They will be held early in Term 2.

Let us know what you are doing in your school so we can include your ideas in a future newsletter.

Thank you for taking on the role of a **Safety Ambassador**.

*Keep up the great work!*



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## How can your school help?

**S**afe T Hound has these helpful hints for your school:

- Apply for your school to become a **Safety Assist** school.
- Put a **Safety Assist brochure** in information packs to new students. And their parents

- Display a **Safe T Hound poster** in each classroom.
- Have a map in the school foyer with the local **Safety Assist** locations marked on it.
- Put the addresses of the **Safety Assist** places in a school newsletter so everyone will know

where they can get help if they are lost, hurt, frightened, bullied or in need of help for any other reason.



### Special points of interest:

- Children's Week - held in October each year
- Safety Day in Children's Week - the Thursday of Children's Week
- Student Ambassadors will receive invitations to our Children's Safety Celebration to be held on Safety Day

## What can you do?

**S**afe T Hound asks that right now you plan at least one of these activities each term.

- Run a **poster competition** about Safety Assist and keeping safe.
- Ask teachers to use the work sheets from your Ambassador's kit for **colouring-in competitions** and activities with children.
- Make a **class mural** about safety.
- Give a **talk** to the junior primary classes about **Safety Assist**.
- Make a **presentation** to classes or assemblies, eg a play, a puppet show and so on.
- Suggest to teachers that classes **go on a walk** to the nearest Safety Assist place. We can give you the addresses of the ones around your school. Your teacher or our office could also contact the Safety Assist people beforehand

and arrange for them to be home at that time so they can tell the children what to do if they need help.

- Each child could **write a story** about when they might need to go to a Safety Assist place and what they would do.
- Make a big **3D Safety Assist** place to go in the school library.



## What can you do at a school

**S**afe T Hound has these suggestions:

- Call the Safer Communities office for a **speaker** to come to talk to a school assembly about Safety Assist.
- Invite **Safe T Hound** to visit your school. It is best if Safe T Hound comes to an

Safe T Hound has lots of ideas on how you can spread the word about Safety Assist and keeping safe.

assembly, rather than to one or two classes, because extra volunteers from Safer Communities are needed when this loveable character makes a visit.

- Give a short **talk** at a school assembly about Safety Assist and your role as a Safety Ambassador.

## Have a special "Safety Assist Day"

- Children come to school dressed in **red and yellow**.
- Classrooms are decorated with red and yellow balloons and streamers.
- Children bring in a favourite soft toy dressed in the **Safety Assist** colours.



## Resources

**S**afe T Hound says don't forget that we have resources (such as brochures, bookmarks and stickers) to help you. The list is available in your Ambassador's kit.

Just phone, fax or e-mail our office and we will send what you need through the school courier.

## Other things you can do

**S**afe T Hound has some more ideas:

- Wear your **Safety Ambassador badge** at lunch time, recess and at assemblies.
- Your school canteen could have a special day with a Safety Assist theme, such as selling red and yellow jellies and other food items in the Safety Assist colours.
- Run a small fundraiser like "**Count the jelly beans in the jar**". The money you raise can go towards something to do with safety for your school.
- In a school newsletter to parents, tell them who you are and that **Safety Assist** is for everyone, any time.
- Talk to your school's parent club or school council, or arrange for someone from

Safer Communities to give a talk to these groups.

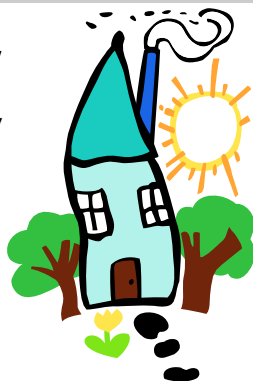
- Set up a **Safety Assist** display in the school library. Display boards and posters can be borrowed from the Safer Communities office.



## How can you get more Safety Assist places?

**S**afe T Hound wants you all to know that we need lots more **Safety Assist** places around every school in South Australia. Here are some suggestions:

- With the help of your teacher, arrange a letterbox drop to the houses around your



school, asking people to become Safety Assist members.

- Talk to your parents and relatives about becoming Safety Assist members.



Why not ask your parents to apply for your house to become a Safety Assist place?

## How can you thank Safety Assist people?

**S**afe T Hound knows how!

All **Safety Assist** people are volunteers. They receive no reward for this valuable service, so it might be an idea to thank them for being there in case help is needed.

- A class of children could

each write a thank you letter, with one letter being sent to each Safety Assist place.

- Send a **Certificate of Appreciation** to each Safety Assist place. These certificates are available from the Safer Communities

office, as well as a list of the Safety Assist places around your school.



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Lost? Hurt?  
Feeling unsafe?  
Look for the  
Safety Assist sign for help.

We're on the Web!  
[www.safercommunities.asn.au](http://www.safercommunities.asn.au)

## Emergency number:

- In an emergency when you need fire, police or ambulance: call 000 (triple zero)

## Safety Ambassador Workshops

We aim to hold a number of **training workshops** for Safety Ambassadors in Term 2.

Information will be sent out to you by the end of this term. Workshops will be held in areas central, north, and south of the city, plus in some country areas.

*Don't forget to contact us if you need any information, resources or help before the workshops.*

## Safer Communities on the Internet

For lots of information about Safer Communities, Safety Assist and how to keep yourself safe, check out the Safer Communities web site on :  
[www.safercommunities.asn.au](http://www.safercommunities.asn.au)

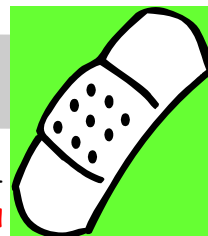
Find out about:

- How the Safety Assist program works
- Keeping safe at Public Events
- Keeping safe while Door Knocking
- Safety on Public Transport
- Keeping safe on the Internet
- Information about Bullying.

There are lots of times when you can use the safety tips. For example, before the Royal Show, look up "Keeping safe at Public Events" on the web site and ask your principal to include this information in a school newsletter. "Keeping safe while Door Knocking" could be featured before Halloween, and so on.

## First Aid Post

Many of our Safety Assist members are also becoming **First Aid Posts**.



If you see the words "**First Aid Post**" under a Safety Assist sign on a house, it means that a trained volunteer is available to provide first aid treatment if anyone is hurt.

This is another way that our Safety Assist volunteers are helping everyone. The person in a house with a **First Aid Post** sign has a **senior first aid certificate** and a **first aid kit**, so they are ready to give assistance if anyone is hurt or injured or needs any other first aid help.

Look for the **First Aid Post** sign to get **emergency first aid treatment**.