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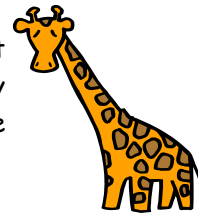
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Safety Ambassador Newsletter

Resource Kit

EACH YEAR we ask Safety Ambassadors to let us know what resources they might need to help them to spread safety messages throughout their schools. Students and teachers have asked for a Resource Kit.



So ... what is a **Resource Kit**?

This will be a box containing lots of information and resources that will be kept at your school for the ongoing use of **Safety Ambassadors**. As well as receiving newsletters and other information throughout the year, Ambassadors will always be able to use what is in the Kit to help them in spreading safety messages.

Shortly, each Ambassador school will receive an empty box. This box will be marked "**Safety Ambassador Resource Kit**". Then we will start sending you things to put in this box - a story book, a book on safety, lesson plans, safety information and much more.

The Resource Kit will stay at the school so it will be a permanent source of information for use by Ambassadors from year to year. We will continue to send you resources a bit at a time as we develop them.

Do you have any ideas on what you and future Ambassadors might need to help them? Let us know and we'll see what we can do.

And don't forget - contact us if we can do anything to help you.

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Dates to remember:

- **Children's Week**

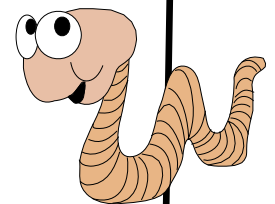
24 October to 1 November 2009

- **Children's Safety Celebration**

Thursday 29 October 2009

Children's Safety Celebration

Our 2009 **Children's Safety Celebration** will be held at **Coorara Primary School** in Morphett Vale on **Thursday 29 October**. All Safety Ambassadors will be invited to attend on the day. We'll send you more information in the next newsletter.



In an emergency, when you need fire, police or ambulance, call 000

Activities by the month

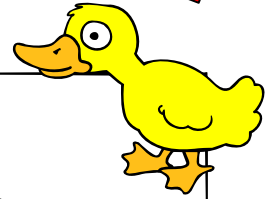
Plan a special activity each month. Here are some suggestions:

August

- ** Use the information in the **Be a Winner** box below to make up a poster that could go in your school's Resource Centre.
- ** Order a **Stay Safe** poster for each classroom - these posters feature Safe T Hound holding balloons with lots of important safety messages.
- ** Make a list of the local businesses and shops that are along the streets where students often walk to and from school. Have a think about which ones you might like to write to and invite them to be a **Safety Assist location** to help with safety in their community. We can provide brochures that can be included with your letters.

September

- ** Ask us for the locations of the **Safety Assist** places in the vicinity of your school. Then you could put the addresses in a school newsletter so the students will know where to go if they are feeling unsafe.
- ** We can also send you **maps** marking the Safety Assist locations, and these could go up in the front office of your school so students and parents will know where the safety places are.
- ** At an assembly, let the students know about what they should do to **stay safe** if they are going to the Show in September. We have brochures "**Stay Safe at Public Events**" that you can give out to those students who would like one, or you can put some of the information in a school newsletter.



Be a WINNER!

Walk with friends.

Inform an adult if somebody hurts you or does something that doesn't feel right.

Never talk or go with strangers.

Name, address and phone number - know them.

Every time you go out, tell an adult.

Ring 000 for emergencies.

What we have sent you

THANK YOU for helping us, as well as the other students in your school, by letting others know what they can do to keep themselves safe.

We have included a little key ring (with a light) for each of our Safety Ambassadors - just to say "thank you".

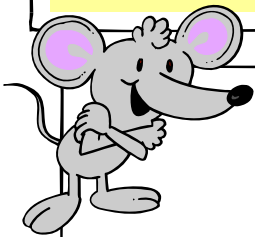


Here is another **Safety Spot** that you can use in your school newsletter.

What do you do if your clothes catch fire?

1. **Stop** straight away.
2. **Cover** your eyes with your hands.
3. **Drop** to the ground.
4. **Roll** on the ground to smother the flames.

Safety Spot



What If? Scenario

As Safety Ambassadors, get together and work out what you think would be the best way to deal with a situation where someone may be feeling unsafe. We have given you 2 scenarios below.

Then you might like to give other students the scenario to work on during a safety lesson, or you could visit classes of students. Ask them what they would do. You could even ask some students to come out to the front and role-play the scenario. The class will come up with lots of ideas.

After listening to their answers, make sure you let them know what you and your teacher came up with as the best course of action if they are ever in this situation.

Then you can give out one of your work sheets so they will become more familiar with the **Safety Assist** sign and know to look for the sign if they need help.

Please let us know of some of the ideas you come up with—we could put them in the next newsletter to share with other Safety Ambassadors.

Here is one scenario:

What if you were home alone and someone knocked on the front door and said they were there to check the telephone.

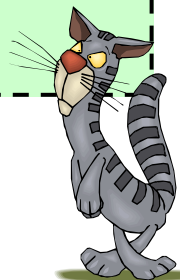
What would you do?



... and here is another one:

What if someone drives up in a car when you are leaving school and says that the person who was to pick you up is sick in hospital. They tell you to get into the car and they will take you to the hospital.

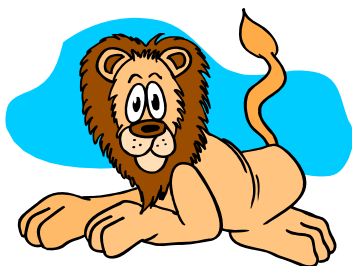
What should you do?



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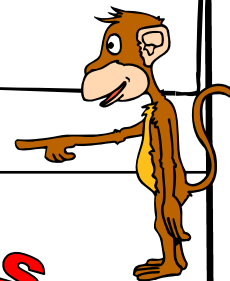


Ambassador Awards

SAFETY AMBASSADOR individual and school awards are presented each year at a ceremony at **Government House** in November.

Make sure you let your teacher know what you are doing as a Safety Ambassador - *your school might like to nominate you for one of the awards.*

We will also have Awards for teachers who do the most to help the Safety Ambassadors in their school. We'll send you more details in our next newsletter.



SES Work Sheet

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER we have also given you a worksheet from **SES**. These are the volunteers who help you if a tree falls on your house or there is an accident or a flood.

Perhaps you could copy it so others will learn that it is not safe to stand under trees in a thunderstorm. It might be a good message to present at a school assembly.

Ambassador Workshops

WE WOULD LIKE to say **THANK YOU** to these schools who have hosted workshops for our Safety Ambassadors:

- Noarlunga Downs Primary School
- Blakeview Primary School
- SA Metropolitan Fire Service
- Angaston Primary School
- Solomontown Primary School

If you were unable to attend one of these workshops, we will send you the show bag of information that was given out to each Ambassador.

