



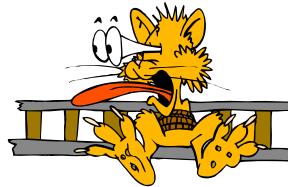
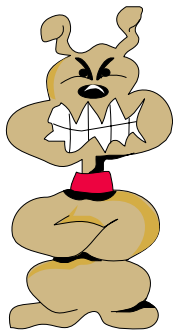
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# Safety Ambassador Newsletter

## Dealing with Danger



INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER is a book called **Dealing with Danger**.

This book is an Aussie kid's guide to dealing with almost any situation!

It has mountains of important information for young people about staying safe, like what to do in a fire or flood, how to deal with dangerous creatures like snakes and wasps, first aid, water safety ... just about everything you need to know to stay safe.

*Think about how you could use this information. You might like to:*

- \* Have a **safety theme** each month.
- \* Use the information at relevant times - for example, **Water Safety** in the warmer weather and **Lost in a Crowd** when large events are coming up, such as sporting events.
- \* Organise an activity for students where they can make a **poster around the safety messages** for your monthly safety theme.
- \* Do a **presentation at a school assembly** on your safety theme for the month.

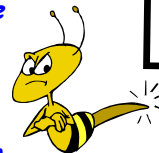
*Let us know what ideas you come up with to spread the safety messages. Other Safety Ambassadors would be able to use your ideas in their schools as well.*

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**Dates to remember:**

- Children's Week  
24 October to 1 November 2009
- Children's Safety Celebration  
Thursday 29 October 2009



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



# Activities by the month

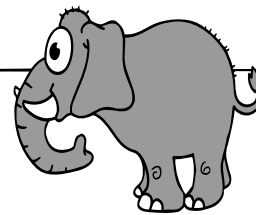
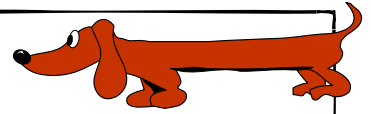
Plan a special activity each month. Here are some suggestions:

## October

1. Put a **Safety Spot** in your school newsletter about changing the batteries in smoke alarms.
2. Plan safety activities for **Children's Week** in October.
3. Distribute information and activity sheets about **keeping safe at Halloween**.
4. Let us know if you will be coming to our **Children's Safety Celebration**.

## November

The **Christmas Pageant** will be coming up on Saturday 14 November. The **Safety Spot** in your newsletter could be about staying safe in crowds. You can get lots of information from our brochure **Stay Safe at Public Events** or the section in the **Dealing with Danger** book on "Lost in a Crowd".



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

**W**hat do you do when you change your clocks over to daylight saving time?

### CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE ALARM!

Batteries should be replaced every 6 months, so changing over to daylight saving time is an ideal time to remember to also replace smoke alarm batteries.

*And don't forget ... all smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years.*

**Safety Spot**

## What we have sent you



**I**ncluded with this newsletter is a **Safety Assist puzzle**. This is a small "thank you" from us to you. We appreciate your efforts in helping other students to know more about how to stay safe.

Just for fun ... One student tried to make funny faces out of the puzzle. *See how you go!*

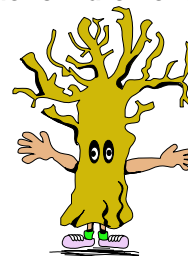




# Safety Tips

Make sure children have a safe and happy Halloween.

- **Wear a light coloured, flame-resistant costume.** Use reflective tape strips on front and back so motorists can see you better.
- **Wear a short costume** so you will not trip. No bike riding - your costume might get caught in the spokes.
- **Make up is better than a mask.** If you do wear a mask, wear one with large eye holes so you can see clearly.
- **Carry a torch** so you can see in the dark and be seen better by passing motorists.
- **Never "Trick-or-Treat" alone,** have at least two "buddies" with you for the entire evening.
- **Younger children** should "trick-or- treat" while it is still light out with older children or an adult.
- **Tell your parents** your route and when you will be home.
- **Never go into a home.** Remain at the front door at all times.
- **Do not take short-cuts** through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- **Trick-or-Treat on one side of the street,** then the other. Walk on footpaths, not the street.
- **Cross only at street corners:** look in all directions before crossing; obey all traffic lights and walk, don't run, across the street.
- **Never criss-cross the street** or cross between parked cars.
- **Do not eat or drink any lollies or food** until you arrive home and have your treats checked by an adult. Have a snack or meal before going out.
- **Accept only professionally wrapped lollies.** Discard all lollies which are not wrapped or whose wrapping appears to have been opened or punctured.
- **Look for Safety Assist locations** along your route. If you are in trouble, they are there to help.



Have A Safe and Happy Halloween



## Halloween Worksheets

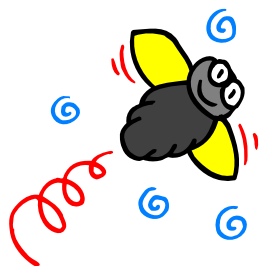
HALLOWEEN IS coming up on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Included with this newsletter are 2 worksheets that you might like to copy for other students at your school:

1. **Visit the Haunted House** with Safe T Hound - guide Safe T Hound safely through the maze
2. **Have a safe Halloween** - this colouring-in sheet includes questions and answers to help children to *stay safe*.

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## TEACHER'S AWARD

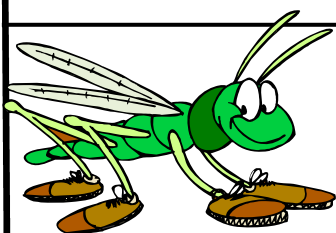
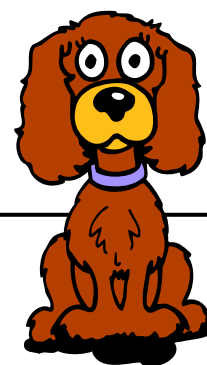
HAVE YOU NOMINATED your teacher for an award?

*You still have time if you get in quick!*

We sent you the information with your last newsletter.

So make sure you send the nomination in to us before the school holidays start.

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



## Celebrating Children's Week

EACH YEAR in **Children's Week** there are lots of activities and events happening throughout Australia to celebrate children. This year, Children's Week will be held from 24 October to 1 November.

Check our what's happening in Children's Week at: [www.sachildrensweek.org.au](http://www.sachildrensweek.org.au)

### **Plan an activity to celebrate Children's Week:**

1. Set up a **safety display** in your school's Resource Centre throughout Children's Week. We can send you posters and brochures about Safety Assist that will help with your display.
2. Maybe your safety display could be on a particular **safety theme**, like bicycle and skateboard safety or dangers in the home.
3. **Decorate your class room** with the safety colours of red and yellow. You could use balloons and streamers.
4. Ask the students to bring along used clothes in good condition so they can be donated to **Red Cross** or other children's organisations.

### **And don't forget ...**

**Children's Safety Celebration:** Thursday 29 October at Coorara Primary School, Morphett Vale - all Safety Ambassadors and their teachers or parents are invited to this event. *Please let us know if you can come.*

