



## Summer Safety Tips For Children

As Warm weather beckons and the school year draws to a close, children begin their summer adventures. Don't take a vacation from safety! The Edmonds Fire Department encourages both parents and kids to pay attention to safety while having fun. Follow the tips below to help your family have an enjoyable, safe summer.

### Ride Safe!

- Secure kids in the child car-seat or seatbelt that's appropriate for their age and size.
- Secure kids in the backseat.
- Carefully study your car's owners manual and safety-seat instructions for installation and safety maintenance of car-seats.

### Walk Safe!

- Never let children under age 10 cross the street alone. Teach kids to obey traffic rules as a pedestrian.
- Dress your kids in reflective materials and don't let them walk alone at night. If they must walk at dusk or dawn, make sure they carry a flashlight.

### Swim Safe!

- Always supervise young children near water, including pools, spas, toilets, bathtubs, and buckets.
- Insist your kids wear personal flotation devices when on boats, near open bodies of water, or when playing water sports.
- Don't forget the sunscreen!

### Wheel Safe!

- Make sure your kids wear properly-fitting helmets and other protective gear when they ride their bikes, scooters, in-line skates, or skateboards

- Teach your children the rules of the road and practice obeying traffic laws with them.

### **Play Safe!**

- Supervise your children at playgrounds or in the back yard.
- Show children where safe homes or buildings are in case they need to run to them. Teach children to avoid alleys, empty lots, houses, or garages. Group play is best on playgrounds and around the neighborhood.
- Make sure kids play on safe surfaces, such as mulch, rubber, or fine sand.
- Dress kids in properly-fitted protective gear when they play sports.

For further information, contact the Edmonds Fire Department at 425-771-0215.