

SAFE KIDS MARION

Seeks to reduce the number of preventable accidents to young people 17 years old and under.

Safe Kids Goals and Objectives

Drowning Prevention/Water Safety

FACT: Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages one to four.*

SIDS and Co-Sleeping Prevention

FACT: Many SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) cases are later determined to be deaths due to suffocation. An unsafe sleeping environment for infants, including co-sleeping, can cause suffocation.

Child Car Seats, Pedestrian & Bike Safety

FACT: Among children ages 5 to 14, car and truck crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death, followed by pedestrian injury and drowning.*

Adult supervision is the "best" prevention strategy.



The Safe Kids Coalition meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Marion County Health Department. Call (352) 629-0137 ext. 2551 for information.

All Volunteers Welcome.



*Source: Safe Kids Magazine. For more information, go to www.safekids.org

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WATER SAFETY

1. Be Cool, Follow The Rules!

Following the rules will keep you safe.

2. Swim With A Buddy In A Supervised Area!

Swim with a friend and only when lifeguards OR grown-ups are watching!

3. Look Before You Leap!

Check to be sure the water is deep enough and that there is nothing (and nobody) in the way before you get in.

4. Don't Just Pack-It, Wear Your Jacket!

Wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket in the open water.

5. Think, So You Don't Sink!

If you get in trouble in the water, stay calm.

6. Reach Or Throw, Don't Go!

If you see someone having trouble in the water, either reach out from the side of the pool or throw them anything that floats.

7. Make Sure An Adult is Always Watching You!

This is the best way to be safe around the water.

8. Always Use Barriers As Safety Devices!

Pool alarms, safety barriers (i.e. fences) and locked doors will only work when used or activated.

