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Water Safety at Home



We know water is everywhere. So to make it easy, we divided it into three categories: Water in the home, swimming safety and boating safety.

Here you'll find everything you need to know about water in the home. Whether you're bathing your baby in the sink or splashing around with your toddler in the bathtub, water is great fun for kids. But it's also a place where safety must come first, so here are a few tips for kids who love to get wet.

The Hard Facts

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children between 1 and 4 years old. And it's the third leading cause of injury-related death among children 19 and under.

Top Tips

- Never leave your child unattended around water. We know it sounds strict, but there is no room for compromise on this one. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
- Put the cell phone away, forget about all the other things you have to do and give young children 100 percent of your attention when they are near or around water.
- Empty all tubs, buckets, containers and wading pools immediately after use. Store them upside down and out of children's reach.
- Keep toilet lids closed and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning. It's also a good idea to keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed.
- Parents have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better.

Learn More

Want more information about safety in and around water? Check out some additional safety tips at <http://www.safekids.org/tip/water-safety-home-tips>

Child Safety Seat Tips

Have you ever been asked to install a car seat only to realize, hey, this is way too difficult?

Installing one of these things requires a PhD in engineering from MIT... or two hours of YouTube videos



What your kid is trying to tell you as they watch you struggle.

And then you try reading the instructions, and you see this:

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It quickly begins to dawn on you: This is a little tricky.

Fortunately, the Oro Valley Police Department has two officers certified as Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians and can assist you with installing your car seats, and show you how so you can have an upper hand on it next time.

Did you know Arizona law mandates certain ages for when children should be in car seats?

ARS 28-907 says this: "a person shall not operate a motor vehicle on the highways in this state when transporting a child who is under five years of age unless that child is properly secured in a child restraint system."

Furthermore, if the child is under 8 years of age, and over 5, and meets certain physical requirements, the child is also required to be in a child restraint system. This is known as the "booster seat."

"Each passenger who is at least five years of age, who is under eight years of age and who is not more than four feet nine inches tall to be restrained in a child restraint system."

And you can always set up an appointment with a child safety technician by calling 520-229-5080.

Teen Safe Driving Program

August 5, 2003 4:03 AM:

Caller: "I'm at Rancho Feliz and Overton."

Caller: "There are a lot of problems here."

911 Dispatcher: "OK, what's going on?"

Caller: "Overturned vehicle, gentleman in the middle of the road, six people. Send help. Send help."

Help arrived with the arrival of Officer Kevin Mattocks of the Oro Valley Police Department who was the first police officer on scene. What he found was a van that had rolled numerous times as it traveled 55-60 MPH down Rancho Feliz approaching Overton, and the speed limit was 25.

The problem? Seven young people driving, drinking, none of them wearing their seatbelts. The result was only too predictable, and very tragic: three passed away at that intersection, and an entire community was shocked with grief at the loss of young people who had barely started life.

I recently had the chance to ask Officer Mattocks some questions about that incident.

What do you remember the call came out as? Did you know on the way it was going to be a mess?

Ofc. Mattocks: I was 1/4 mile away when the call came out as a roll over. The roll over gave me an indication it was a going to be bad and it was after midnight.

What were your first thoughts when you got there?

Ofc. Mattocks: I found a long trail of bodies and car parts with kids laying in the middle of the road. All difficult to see with just headlights and patrol car lights. I initially was looking for all of the victims.

All of them were around 16-17 years old. I had to get in front of the ambulance arriving or he would have run over one of the victims that was still alive. Several kids in the street were struggling to breath as they were choking on their own blood.

How long did it take for the full number of victims (7) to be ascertained?

Ofc. Mattocks: The time line is a blur, but I would guess it took me 4 minutes to find 6 of them. It was frustrating not actually knowing how many I was looking for since everyone except one was thrown from the car as it was flipping multiple times.

First Responders commonly respond to chaotic scenes with serious injuries everywhere, but this was a different story. It's rare to have an incident with this many victims, and this many fatalities. These incidents have a profound effect on their



Teen Safe Driving Program Continued



communities, as did this one. The crosses and memorials still adorn Rancho Feliz and Overton, and this year marks 12 year since that tragic night.

That's why Officer Ron Beauchamp, the School Resource Officer for Canyon Del Oro High School (the school where many of these students attended) is involved in the Impact Teen Drivers, a program designed to educate teens about the consequences of distracted and reckless driving. Distracted and reckless driving takes the lives of about 3,000 teenagers each year in the United States. These deaths don't spare students who are A+ scholars, honor students, and who make good decisions the rest of the time. Sadly, dangerous driving claims the lives of anyone who makes that fatal mistake.

Officer Beauchamp gives out what he calls the "ICKY". A small toy with big eyes that students can mount by their steering wheels that serves as a reminder to be wary of the dangerous they can face. And the name is a clever acronym – "Ignorance Can Kill You."

Ignorance of what, exactly? The fact that sometimes we're not as invincible as we think we are, and that young drivers tend to overestimate their abilities. The lack of experience, and overconfidence, can create a fatal mixture.

It's important to remember that as we head in to summer, a number of young drivers will be gaining their freedom behind the wheel. And as they do, while they may be trustworthy and capable young people, we must never lose sight of the fact that they are inexperienced, and we don't need more stop signs like this around town.

Hiking Safety Tips



We're now to the warm part of spring (and the early part of summer), so people are ready to go hit the trails and enjoy the amazing terrain around the area. But before you just go for a hike, remember some safety tips! Every year, at least a few people have to be rescued from Romero Pools, and in May of 2012, two people died within three days of each other. One included a 22 year old recent college graduate! So please, don't underestimate the heat this summer.

- Avoid hiking alone because the "buddy system" is safer during any type of activity. If traveling with a group, never stray from the group. If hiking alone, pick a well traveled trail.
- Tell someone where you are going and when

you will return.

- Don't forget to check in with them when you get back.
- Stay on marked trails. Making shortcuts and "bushwhacking" causes erosion and greatly increases your chance of becoming lost. As you hike, pay attention to trail blazes (paint marks on trees) and landmarks. A double blaze indicates a change in trail direction or intersection, so be sure to follow the correct trail.
- Never climb on waterfalls. A high number of injuries and deaths occur on waterfalls and slippery, wet rocks.
- Always carry quality rain gear and turn back in bad weather. If you become wet or cold, it is important to get dry and warm as quickly as possible, avoiding hypothermia.
- Dress in layers and avoid cotton. Today's hikers can choose from numerous fabrics that wick moisture, dry quickly or conserve heat. Many experienced hikers wear a lightweight shirt that wicks moisture, while carrying a fleece pullover and waterproof jacket in a daypack.
- All hikers (especially children and older adults) should carry a whistle, which can be heard far away and takes less energy than yelling. Three short blasts is a sign of distress.
- Carry plenty of drinking water and never assume stream water is safe to drink. Frequent hikers might consider buying a water filter or water purifying tablets at an outdoor supply store.
- Don't count on cell phones to work in the wilderness, but if they do, be able to give details about your location. Telling rescue personnel that you're lost by a big tree won't help as much as telling which trailhead you started from and how long you've been hiking.
- Don't rely on a GPS to prevent you from getting lost. Batteries can die or the equipment can become damaged or lost.
- Invest in good hiking socks and boots such as those found at sporting goods stores. Avoid blisters by carrying "moleskin" (available at drug stores) and applying it as soon as you feel a hot spot on your feet. Available in the foot care section of drug stores, moleskin is like felt that sticks to your skin.
- Wear bright colors. Don't dress children in camouflage.

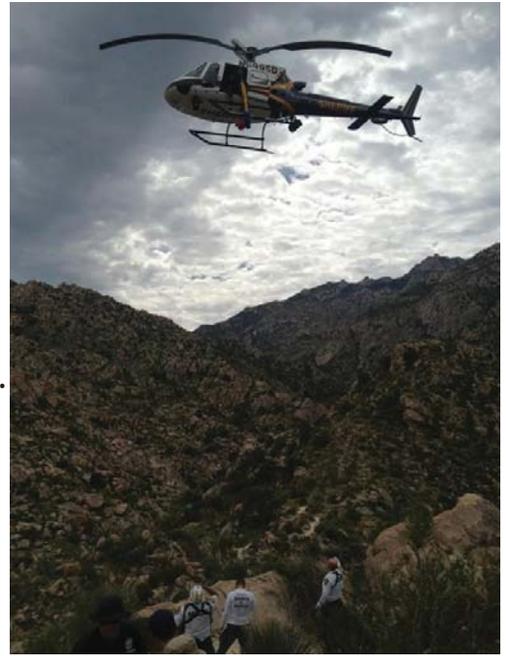
Carry An Emergency Kit

Each hiker should have these items:

- Water

Hiking Safety Tips Continued

- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Small flashlight with extra batteries
- Glowstick
- Energy food
- Brightly colored bandana
- Trash bag (preferably a bright color, such as “pumpkin bags” sold in autumn). Poke a hole for your head and wear it as a poncho to stay warm and dry.
- Aluminum foil. Strips can be tied into tree limbs to reflect searchlights. It can be molded into a bowl for water.



Especially for Children

- Attach a whistle to their clothing.
- Talk to children about what to do if they become lost, no matter what the location (city or wilderness).
- Teach children that they won't get into trouble for becoming lost.
- Reassure children that people (and possibly dogs and helicopters) will look for them if they become lost. Do not hide from searchers; answer their calls.
- Do not run. Instead, “hug a tree” and make a comfortable “nest.” This prevents wandering even further.
- Do not be afraid of animals or strange noises. If something is scary, blow the whistle.
- Come up with a password that a child will respond to if a stranger needs to pick them up. Searchers can use this password.

What To Do if You Are Lost

- Stay put.
- Make shelter.
- Stay warm and dry.
- Be visible and heard.
- If helicopters are searching overhead, seek an opening rather than thick tree cover. Lie down so you look bigger from the air.

<http://gastateparks.org/Safety-Tips>

Scam Alert: Credit Card Fraud on the Phone

Credit cards: Americans love them. The average person has several. Scam artists love them too. With the convenience of having a credit card comes some risks - credit card fraud. The following scam has been around for some time and continues to defraud people.

The Scam

You receive a call from a person claiming to be employed either at Visa or MasterCard. The caller claims to be calling from the Security and Fraud Department and tells you that your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern. The caller then cites a particular purchase (typically under \$500) and asks if you really purchased the questionable item. When you respond, “No”, the caller then promises to credit your account with the amount and begin a fraud investigation. The caller typically asks certain identity question, such as address and more importantly, your credit card security number (the 3 or 4 digits in the back of the card).

The caller succeeds in obtaining the security information on your account and then uses that information to make a purchase. Unless

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you know this is a scam, when you get your credit card statement and see the fraudulent charge, you assume that the investigation is under way and is being taken care of. Meanwhile, this is all a scam. The purpose of the scam is to get that 3-4 digit security number.

How Can You Protect Yourself?

With this particular scam, don't give out any information over the phone unless you call the number provided in the back of your card. If you do receive a phone call reporting a fraudulent charge, hang up and call the number provided on your card.

If you have already fallen victim to this or a similar scam, contact your credit card company. Visa and MasterCard have also been encouraging defrauded consumers to file a police report.

Credit Card Fraud Prevention Tips

Credit card fraud is a serious crime as well as an inconvenience. Follow these tips to avoid scams and fraudulent charges.

- Keep an eye on your credit card every time you use it, and make sure you get it back as quickly as possible
- Be very careful to whom you give your credit card
- Don't give out your account number over the phone unless you initiate the call and you know the company is reputable. Never give your credit card information out when you receive a phone call. For example, if you're told there has been a "computer problem" and the caller needs you to verify information. Legitimate companies don't call you to ask for a credit card number over the phone
- Never respond to e-mail messages that request you provide your credit card info via e-mail, and don't ever respond to e-mail messages that ask you to go to a Web site to verify personal (and credit card) information. These are called "phishing" scams
- Never provide your credit card information on a Web site that is not a secure site
- Shred all credit card applications you receive in the mail
- Don't write your PIN number on your credit card - or have it anywhere near your credit card (in the event that your wallet gets stolen)
- Never leave your credit cards or receipts lying around
- Shield your credit card number so that others around you can't copy it or capture it on a cell phone or other camera
- Keep a list in a secure place with all of your account numbers and expiration dates, as well as the phone number and address of each bank that has issued you a credit card. Keep this list updated each time you get a new credit card
- Only carry around credit cards that you absolutely need. Don't carry around extra credit cards that you rarely use
- Open credit card bills promptly and make sure there are no bogus charges. Treat your credit card bill like your checking account - reconcile it monthly. Save your receipts so you can compare them with your monthly bills
- If you find any charges that you don't have a receipt for - or that you don't recognize - report these charges promptly (and in writing) to the credit card issuer
- Always void and destroy incorrect receipts
- Shred anything with your credit card number written on it
- Never sign a blank credit card receipt. Carefully draw a line through blank portions of the receipt where additional charges could be fraudulently added
- If there is a carbon that is used in a credit card transaction, destroy it immediately
- If you move, notify your credit card issuers in advance of your change of address

If You Suspect Credit Card Fraud

In the event you do suspect fraudulent activity, or if your cards are lost or stolen, contact the issuing company as soon as possible. The good news is that credit cards are insured and protect you against such schemes, so long as you are vigilant in spotting and reporting such abuse.

According to the law, once you have reported the loss or theft of your credit card, you have no more responsibility for unauthorized charges. Further, your maximum liability under federal law is \$50 per lost or stolen credit card - and many credit card issuers will even waive that fee for good customers. For fraudulent charges when the card is still in your possession, there is no liability fee.

Be sure that your card number is changed and monitor your statements to be sure that there are no additional charges. Use common sense and remember, it is always better to be extra careful and suspecting when it comes to your finances.

<http://consumer-law.lawyers.com/consumer-fraud/scam-alert-credit-card-fraud-on-the-phone.html>

Mark Your Calendar

Dispose-A-Med

Target, 10555 North Oracle Road

April 25 10 am - 2 pm
June 6 8 am - noon
August 1 8 am - noon
October 10 10 am - 2 pm
December 5 10 am - 2 pm

Sun City Social Hall

May 12 10 am - noon
November 10 9 - 11 am

Settler's Day at Steam Pump Ranch

April 11

RAD, Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene

May 2 & 9 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Canyon Del Oro High School Graduation

May 19

Ironwood Ridge High School Graduation

May 20



Do you know your Town?

Q: How many traffic lights does Oracle Road have, and can you name them all?

A: 13 (Rancho Vistoso, Tangerine, Catalina State Park, Steam Pump, La Reserve, 1st Avenue, Pusch View, El Conquistador, Linda Vista, Calle Concordia, Hardy, Magee, Suffolk)

Q: How many traffic lights does Tangerine Road have, and can you name them all?

A: 5 (Oracle, Innovation, 1st Ave, La Canada, La Cholla)

Q: James Kriegh park used to be named what?

A: Dennis Weaver

Q: Oro Valley has an "Oro Valley Drive" in the town. What street off of Oracle can you take to access it?

A: Greenock

Q: What is the current Make and Model of Oro Valley Police Cars?

A: Chevy Tahoe



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