

Safety Week

October 20-26, 2013



It starts with Scouts.

Day 2

Home and Family Safety

All of us have, in some form or other, a home and a family. A home is the place where we feel most comfortable—some place to eat, sleep and be with our family. Our family includes the people we're closest to: our dearest friends, our relatives and the people we choose to live with. We spend a lot of time in our homes with our family, and it's important to know how to keep home a safe place for everybody.

BEAVER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Don't climb furniture or surfaces to get to things you can't reach. Ask for help.
- Keep your bedroom tidy. Clutter all over the floor can be hazardous.
- There are things in your house that you're not meant to use unsupervised. Remember, your parents' rules are for your safety. If you're told not to touch, don't touch!

Scouters Tip:

Do the parents in your Section know how to get in touch with you at camp, on outings and during meetings? Make sure to share your contact information, that of your Group Committee Chair and other important numbers.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- [What is an emergency?](#)
- [Emergency Survival Kit](#)

CUB SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Don't have bare feet in the kitchen. If hot water spills, even socks can help to minimize a burn.
- Treat burns quickly with clean, cold water. Do not apply butter or lotion.
- If you're home alone for a little while, follow the rules that your parents have set.

Scouters Tip:

In the fall, winter and spring, proceed carefully out of your door and down any outdoor stairs, especially first thing in the morning. Ice build-up can be hard to see.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Remember the old [Shriners Hospital for Children ads](#) featuring the Looney Toons? They're up on YouTube, for nostalgic adults and to educate a new generation on home safety.



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SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Keep pot handles turned in while cooking.
- Avoid cross-contamination. Prepare raw meat, poultry and seafood on separate surfaces from ready-to-eat foods like fruits and vegetables.
- Check the expiry date on packages before eating what's inside.

Scouters Tip:

Keep candles and matches on hand in an accessible place for emergency outages.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- [Pet Emergency Survival Kits/Family Emergency Plans Jumpstart](#)

VENTURER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Clean your dishes straight away to keep a hygienic kitchen.
- If you find mold in your home, know that it can be toxic. This may need to be safely dealt with by professionals. Don't assume that it's safe to clean up yourself.
- Follow recommended safety procedures when using equipment such as lawn mowers and snow blowers. There should be notices on the equipment, and important precautions will be included in manuals. Have a parent or guardian teach you how to use these kinds of tools.

Scouters Tip:

Clean and empty bird baths, pool covers and other traps for standing water to discourage mosquito breeding and prevent the spread of West Nile Virus. Encourage youth to do the same.

Resources and Program Ideas:

Review these [checklists](#) to see what changes can be made for a safer home.



ROVER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Keep your camping gear in an accessible place for emergencies.
- Keep your entranceway clear and tidy. In an emergency, you may have to leave your house or apartment in a hurry.
- Don't keep clutter on stairways.

Scouters Tip:

Secure your garbage at night to deter attracting dangerous wildlife.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Review this helpful website from the [Alberta Emergency Management Agency](#), and watch a fun and informative video featuring MLA Doug Griffiths. Brainstorm supplies for a 72-hour emergency kit, and see how your list stacks up.

