

Safety Week

October 20-26, 2013



It starts with Scouts.

Day 3

Street and Community Safety

Every time we step out from home, we enter our streets and community. Here, we need to be aware of the potential hazards all around us, and we need to know how to act responsibly so that we don't make hazards of ourselves. This safety theme is concerned with traffic safety, whether it's in or around cars and trains, skateboarding and cycling or encountering strange or wild animals.

BEAVER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- If you're watching passing cars or a train before crossing the street or tracks, stand well back of the vehicles.
- Walk your bike across train tracks.
- Don't talk to strangers.

Scouters Tip:

When crossing the street with a group, always make sure you wait for a fresh green light.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Consult the Program Builder for the "[Safety Walk](#)" activity.
- Visit a police station, or have a police officer visit your Colony to get some professional advice on how Beaver Scouts can be safe in their community.



CUB SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Cross train tracks at designated crossings. Stop, look and listen before you cross—just like crossing the street.
- Never try to cross the tracks if a train is coming.
- Make sure your bike has a bell, lights and reflectors.

Scouters Tip:

Wear a helmet when cycling. Encourage youth to do the same.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Visit your local power authority, or invite a visitor to speak about [safety around power lines](#).
- [Transportation Safety Jumpstart](#)
- Visit your [local fire hall](#).



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SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Don't wear headphones while walking near traffic or cycling.
- Don't ride your bike alongside train tracks. Train cars can be much wider than the tracks.
- Wear the right safety gear for skateboarding and rollerblading, including a helmet and wrist guards.

Scouters Tip:

Teach your Scouts not to approach untended animals that they're unfamiliar with.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- [Stay Safe](#) handout

VENTURER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Remember to check over your shoulder before changing lanes when cycling or driving.
- Do a circle check before getting into the car to drive.
- Keep the volume down on your car stereo. Remember that you need to be able to hear the horns of other drivers and the sirens of emergency vehicles.

Scouters Tip:

Fall is the last opportunity for bears to fatten up for their winter hibernation, and there's less to eat in the forest than in the summer. Make sure that your youth are aware that bears may be coming into some neighbourhoods looking for food. Teach youth how to behave when encountering a bear in the neighbourhood.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Visit your local paramedics, or have a representative visit the Company to provide professional safety advice.
- Learn about [how to be safe when encountering bears in your neighbourhood](#).



ROVER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- If possible, share the driving on long trips.
- Use cruise control to avoid speeding.
- Wear sunglasses on bright days while driving.

Scouters Tip:

Call 311 to report missing traffic safety signs.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Visit your local Search and Rescue Association and learn how your Crew can get involved.
- Learn [how to be safe in cougar country](#).
- Watch this video to learn [how to safely react to downed power lines](#).

