

Keeping Kids Safe this Summer

Summer is a fun time for children to play outside and walk in their neighborhoods, but kids can be at risk for injury during this season. To make sure your kids stay safe, Safe Kids USA recommends that children:



- always cross the street with an adult until age 10
- cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- look left, right and left again when crossing
- always walk, never run, when crossing streets
- walk on sidewalks or paths
- walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible if there are no sidewalks
- never run out into the street or cross in between parked cars
- wear a properly fitting helmet every time they ride a bicycle or play wheeled sports
- are never left alone in vehicles
- play in safe areas, away from streets and vehicles



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Driving Safely this Summer

Drivers need to do their part to keep summer a safe time for children to play outside and walk in their neighborhoods. FedEx and Safe Kids USA remind motorists to be extra careful this summer and recommend that drivers:



- slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods
- take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
- enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- watch for children on and near the road during daytime hours
- never leave a child alone in a vehicle
- always lock car doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach
- remember that children may move in unpredictable ways
- reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings

