

Safe Kids News

Preventing Accidental Injury



UPCOMING EVENTS....

35th Annual ND Safety & Health Conference

We invite you to join your colleagues in Fargo, North Dakota for the 2008 Safety and Health Conference at the Holiday Inn. There will be plenty of time to meet with others of all types who share your interests and concerns. The conference will provide you with new information and ideas to help you and your organization with current and future challenges and opportunities. For registration information visit www.ndsc.org or contact the NDSC at (800) 932-8890. We look forward to seeing you in Fargo, ND February 4 - 7, 2008.

Mark Your Calendars!



The ND Injury Prevention Conference will be held October 28-30, 2008. The conference will focus on both unintentional and intentional injury prevention topics.

SAFE KIDS UPDATES..

Prevent Injuries at Home

Each year in the United States, more than 1,800 children ages 4 and under die from accidental injuries in the home, and more than 3 million children ages 14 and under are treated in emergency rooms for accidental injuries occurring at home. Most fatal injuries at home are caused by suffocation, fire and burns, drowning, choking, falls, poisoning or firearms discharged unintentionally. SKND urges parents and caregivers to check their homes at least once a year for basic safety precautions. The first step in childproofing a home is to explore every room at a child's eye level. Anything that can fit through a toilet paper tube is a potential choking hazard. Of course, cleaning products, alcohol, firearms, matches, lighters and other potentially harmful products need to be stored out of reach and locked up.

Safe Kids ND on the Web!

For more safety information visit www.ndsc.org and click on the Safe Kids ND icon for more safety updates!

SAFETY NEWS...

President Bush Signs Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2007

In a move that Safe Kids USA believes will save the lives of thousands of children, President Bush today signed The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act of 2007. The legislation provides incentives for states to adopt comprehensive pool safety laws that will protect children from life-threatening injuries and horrible deaths from dangerous pool & spa drains.



The law is named for the granddaughter of former Secretary of State James A. Baker, III, who joined Graeme's mother, Nancy Baker, and Safe Kids USA in a three-year advocacy campaign for the legislation. In 2002 at the age of 7, Graeme Baker died in a spa after the powerful suction of a drain entrapped her under water.

