Safe Kids Erie Coalition is working to prevent childhood injuries, knowing .... An ounce of prevention can be worth a life!

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Safe Kids Erie Coalition led by the Erie County Department of Health, is a group of volunteers from community agencies and organizations dedicated to preventing injuries and saving young lives.

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### **GOALS OF SAFE KIDS ERIE**

- 1. Raise awareness that injuries can be prevented. Your voice matters.
- 2. Advocate for injury prevention policies at the local, state, and federal level. Do it now!
- 3. Work for changes in products and enforcement to reduce the causes of injury. Save children's lives.
- 4. Promote safety education campaigns which change social norms.

### PLEASE JOIN US

### We need you!

The success of the Erie Coalition depends upon volunteers who are committed to reducing preventable injuries. If you have knowledge of childhood injury prevention or a willingness to learn about safety and share it with the community, the Coalition needs your expertise.

If you represent a business or organization, you might consider sponsoring a safety event or making a financial or product contribution to help us in our Safety Smart Campaign. In-kind services are important to our mission of childhood safety.



### **SAFE KIDS ERIE COALITION**

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Erie Area



# BE SAFETY SMART

An ounce of prevention can be worth a life!

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

If a disease were killing our children in the proportions that injuries are, people would be outraged and demand that this killer be stopped.

Dr. C Everett Koop, Safe Kids Campaign

# UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES ARE THE LEADING KILLER OF OUR CHILDREN

- Unintentional injury is the number one killer of children ages 14 and under in the United States.
- Child injuries claim more than 5,600 lives each year, or an average of 15 children each day.
- Children under the age of 14 account for 11.8 million medical visits for unintentional injuries (1 out of 5).
- More than 16% of all of the hospitalizations for unintentional injuries among children result in permanent disability. www.safekids.org





## **MAJOR RISK AREAS**

- 1. Traffic Injury
- 2. Fire
- 3. Drowning
- 4. Traumatic Brain Injury—Falls
- 5. Poisoning

# SAFE KIDS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

- <u>Child Passenger Safety</u>— Car seat technician training, Traffic Injury Prevention Project loaner program, Women's Care Center of Erie education classes and car seat programs.
- <u>Cribs for Kids</u>—Led by Saint Vincent Health Center, SK Erie supports the Crib Campaign to reduce SIDS deaths in Erie County.
- <u>Fire Safety Education</u>— Partners with the City of Erie Fire Dept., *Protect the Place You Call Home and Dallas Helps Safe Kids Erie* to insure homes have working smoke detectors and CO alarms.
- Water Safety— Collaborates with boating, pools, campgrounds, recreational facilities, and hotels, to ensure safety around water and reduce the number of drowning deaths in Erie County.
- <u>Helmets</u>– Traumatic Brain Injury, Partner with Dallas Hartman, Dallas Helps Safe Kids Erie to provide bike helmets, and IMPACT software to reduce concussion injury to athletes.
- <u>Poison Safety</u>- LECOM Pharmacy Program sponsors annual poison education events, SKE partners for prescription drug poisoning projects and the look alike poison display case. in the county.



- Safety Education Programs: Teacher trainings, conferences, workshops, programs for schools; review policies
- **Special Safety Events:** Safe Kids Day, bike rodeos, health and safety fairs
- **Safety Information** Videos, pamphlets, posters, and education programs.

### STATE AND NATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Since 1991, the Erie Area Safe Kids Coalition has been proudly led by the Erie County Department of Health. It is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Safe Kids and SAFE KIDS Worldwide.
- Safe Kids Erie is proud to have taken the lead on creating *Safe Communities Erie*, a safety initiative from the World Health Organization and the National Safety Council. On October 30, 2010, Safe Communities Erie became the 14th recognized Safe Community in the United States, and number 214 worldwide.
- National Safety Council & Safe Communities
   America assists local communities to prevent
   needless deaths and disabling injuries. They
   provide structure, administrative support,
   experience and expertise in injury prevention
   in an effort to make our communities safer
   places to live, work and play.

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