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Requirements

1. Explain what safety is and what it means to be safe.
Then prepare a notebook to include:
 - a. Newspaper and other stories, facts, and statistics showing common types and causes of injuries in the home and in the workplace, and how these injuries could be prevented
 - b. Newspaper and other stories, facts, and statistics showing common types of crimes and ways to avoid being a crime victim
 - c. Facts you have obtained concerning the frequency of accidents and of crimes in your local area
 - d. A paragraph or more, written by you, explaining how a serious fire, accident, or crime could change your family life
 - e. A list of safe practices and safety devices currently used by your family, such as safety practices used while driving or working and safety devices that prevent injuries or help in an emergency
2. Do the following:
 - a. Using a safety checklist approved by your counselor, make an inspection of your home. Explain the hazards found and how these can be corrected.
 - b. Review or develop your family's plan of escape in case of fire in your home. As you develop the escape plan with family members, share with them facts about the common causes of fire in the home, such as smoking, cooking, electrical appliances, and candles.

3. Do the following:
 - a. Discuss with your counselor how you contribute to the safety of yourself, your family, and your community.
 - b. Show your family members how to protect themselves and your home from accidents, fire, burglary, robbery, and assault.
 - c. Discuss with your counselor the tips for online safety. Explain the steps individuals can take to help prevent identity theft.
 - d. Discuss with your counselor the three R's of Youth Protection and how to recognize child abuse.
4. Show your family the exits you would use from different public buildings (such as a theater, municipal building, library, supermarket, shopping center, or your place of worship) in the event of an emergency. Teach your family what to do in the event that they need to take shelter in or evacuate a public place.
5. Make an accident prevention plan for five family activities outside the home (at your place of worship, at a theater, on a picnic, at the beach, and while traveling, for example). Each plan should include an analysis of possible hazards, proposed action to correct hazards, and reasons for the correction you propose in each plan.
6. Plan and complete a safety project approved by your counselor for your home, school, place of worship, place of employment, or community.
7. Explain what the National Terrorism Advisory System is and how you would respond to each type of alert.
8. Learn about three career opportunities in the field of safety. Pick one career and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this choice with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

Safety Resources

Scouting Literature

Boy Scout Handbook (including *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse*); *Safe Swim Defense*; *Safety Afloat*; *Climb On Safely*; *Fieldbook*; *Crime Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, First Aid, Lifesaving, Public Health, Search and Rescue, Traffic Safety, Weather*, and *Wilderness Survival* merit badge pamphlets

Visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website at <http://www.scoutstuff.org> for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books

- American Red Cross. *First Aid/CPR/AED Participant's Manual*. Staywell, 2011.
- American Red Cross. *Responding to Emergencies*. Staywell, 2012.
- American Red Cross. *Wilderness and Remote First Aid*. Staywell, 2010.
- Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness (IS-22)*. FEMA, 2004. Order a free copy at 800-480-2520.

Heberle, David, and Richard Scutella. *The Complete Guide to Making Your Home Safe*. Betterway Books, 1998.

Lee, Laura. *100 Most Dangerous Things in Everyday Life and What You Can Do About Them*. Broadway Books, 2004.

Morkes, Andrew, ed. *Careers in Focus: Public Safety*. Ferguson Publishing, 2007.

Vacca, John, and Mary E. Vacca. *Cybersafety: Identity Theft*. Chelsea House Publishing, 2012.

Warde, John. *The Healthy Home Handbook: All You Need to Know to Rid Your Home of Health and Safety Hazards*. Three Rivers Press, 1997.

Organizations, Government Agencies, and Websites

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Telephone: 202-638-5944

Website: <http://www.aaafoundation.org>

American Association of Poison Control Centers

Toll-free hotline: 800-222-1222

Website: <http://www.aapcc.org>

American Red Cross

Toll-free telephone: 800-733-2767

Website: <http://www.redcross.org>

American Society of Safety Engineers

Telephone: 847-699-2929

Website: <http://www.asse.org>**ASTM International**

Telephone: 610-832-9500

Website: <http://www.astm.org>**Church Mutual Insurance**

Toll-free telephone: 800-554-2642

Website: <http://www.churchmutual.com>**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Toll-free hotline: 800-621-FEMA

Website: <http://www.fema.gov>**FM Global (FM)**Website: <http://www.fmglobal.com>**National Fire Protection Association**

Telephone: 617-770-3000

Website: <http://www.nfpa.org>**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

Toll-free telephone: 888-327-4236

Website: <http://www.nhtsa.gov>**National Safety Council**

Toll-free telephone: 800-621-7615

Website: <http://www.nsc.org>**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

Toll-free telephone: 800-321-OSHA

Website: <http://www.osha.gov>**Ready Campaign**FEMA/U.S. Department
of Homeland SecurityWebsite: <http://www.ready.gov>**Safe Kids**

Telephone: 202-662-0600

Website: <http://www.safekids.org>**Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)**

Telephone: 877-854-3577

Website: <http://www.ul.com>**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

Toll-free telephone: 800-638-2772

Website: <http://www.cpsc.gov>**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**Website: <http://www.dhs.gov>**U.S. National Library of Medicine**Website: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>**Acknowledgments**

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