

Safety City Columbus



What is Safety City?

- Safety City is an evidence-based safety education program for children ages 5, 6, and 7 living in the City of Columbus
 - Has been shown to improve safety knowledge among youth participants while also reducing preventable injuries in the local community after implementation
 - Data shows that children not only learn the information, but the format enables children to sustain that knowledge over time
- The curriculum includes topics such as vehicle and pedestrian safety, bike safety, understanding traffic signs, school bus safety, firearm safety, and personal health and wellness



Community Served

- Safety City exists in all the surrounding suburban areas but has not taken place within the City of Columbus since the 1980's
 - thus leaving 2 generations of kids without this safety knowledge
- In 2016, the child mortality rate in the United States was 24.3 deaths per 1000 children. In Franklin County, Ohio it was 28.2
 - In 2021, the Franklin County rate had jumped to 35.7
 - Safety City Columbus began in June 2022
- This rate disproportionately affects Black children and families

Programming

- Safety City topics are determined by NCH Emergency Department data
 - What preventable injuries are seen most frequently
 - Safety City is mobile
 - Locations determined by zip code
 - Where highest volume of patients treated for preventable injuries live
 - 6 sessions offered each summer
 - 3 in partnership with Columbus City Schools Summer Experience
 - 3 Community based sites with open registration for all residents
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Daily Topics

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Center 1- Pre-test assessment	Center 1- Walking safely near traffic	Center 1- What is safe to touch	Center 1- Animal safety
Center 2- Fire safety	Center 2- Riding our bikes safely	Center 2- Smoke house	Center 2- Avoiding tricky people
Center 3- Get outside, stay outside	Center 3- School bus safety	Center 3- Eye safety	Center 3-Story
Center 4- Meet the firefighters and fire truck	Center 4- Healthy snacks and hydration	Center 4- Water safety	Center 4- Safety City
Center 5- Fire drill/ stop, drop, and roll	Center 5- Firearm safety	Center 5- Safe movement	Center 5- Post-test
Center 6- Emotional safety/understanding feelings	Center 6- Meet the police officers	Center 6- Healthy bodies	Center 6- Skills review
Center 7- Poison safety	Center 7- Passenger safety	Center 7- Story	Center 7-Graduation
Center 8-Safety City	Center 8-Safety City	Center 8-Safety City	Center 8-Graduation

Partners

Central Ohio Poison Center	Honda USA Foundation*
City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods*	NCH Center for Healthy Weight and Nutrition
Columbus City Schools	NCH Behavioral Health
Columbus Fire Department	NCH Physical Therapy
Columbus Public Health	NCH Community Wellness*
All Paws Retreat	Ohio State Highway Patrol
Goldfish Swim School	Realeyes- Ohio Optometric Association

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- Questions?

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