EMS and Children

• Teach young children how and when to call 911 Emergency Medical Services (EMS), but that it isn’t a game. Teach children how to perform safety behaviors by having them actually practice them. Children should be rehearsed on appropriate safety behaviors. Talking about the right thing to do isn’t enough.

• Make sure children learn their address and phone number as soon as they are able.

• Teach children that EMS professionals are friendly helpers.

• Teach kids that if they find matches or lighters, to tell an adult.

• Teach kids what to do if their clothing catches on fire. (Stop, Drop and Roll)

• Make sure they know planned escape routes and a meeting place outside the home. Practice fire drills.

• Make sure kids know the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do if it goes off.

• Include the entire family in monthly safety drill.

• Test the smoke alarms once a month. Replace the batteries with new fresh ones at least once a year.

• Post your house number where it will be visible from the street.

• Help set up a field trip/presentation by the fire department and/or EMS department.

• Teach your children, when they hear an ambulance siren to go the side of the road and get off their bikes. Teach them not to chase ambulances.

• Keep matches and lighters locked up.

• Keep guns, knives, and other dangerous articles locked up.

• Make sure young children have supervision at all times. Never leave them alone even for short periods of time.

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