

Safety Award For Brownie Girl Scouts

Every girl can be an important link and make a difference when it comes to safety. Working with a leader, Brownie Girl Scouts can make sure they are safe by becoming partners in safety.

Girls learn about safety as they work toward the Safety Award for Brownie Girl Scouts. After completing the activities, they can [wear the award on their uniform vest or sash](#).

This award, which also appears in *Safety-Wise*, has been adapted for the Web. The links after each activity go to pages helpful for completing it. Girls should visit Internet sites with an adult, then discuss what they've learned and how the sites relate to the activity.

Complete six activities showing how to be safe when:

1. At home (for example, in the kitchen, while playing, when around pets)

- **Fire Safety**, New York State Department of State.
www.dos.state.ny.us/kidsroom/firesafe/firesafe.html
- **How to Use 911**, KidsHealth.
kidshealth.org/kid/watch/er/911.html

2. At the playground

- **Playgrounds**, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.
www.chp.edu/besafe/kids/01playground.php
- **Public Playground Safety Checklist**, Consumer Product Safety Commission.
www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/327.html

3. Playing a sport or riding a bike

- **Playing It Safe With Sports Safety**, KidsHealth.
http://kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/sport_safety.html
- **Sports & Recreation**, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.
www.chp.edu/besafe/kids/kidssptrecintro.php?base=si

4. Taking a trip with your group

- Use the trip-planning materials on page 45 of *Safety-Wise*.

5. Traveling in a vehicle

- **Street & Off-Road**, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Read the Kids in Cars and the School Bus Safety sections.
www.chp.edu/besafe/kids/kidsstroofintro.php

6. Using a computer online



WHAT GIRLS CAN DO ABOUT SAFETY

- Assist the leader in planning for safety.
- Listen to and follow instructions and suggestions.
- Learn and practice safety skills.
- Learn to "Think Safety" at all times and to "Be Prepared."
- Identify and evaluate situations where a safety risk is involved.
- Know how, when, and where to get help when needed.

- **Computers Can Be a Real Pain**, KidsHealth for tips on health and safety around computers.
www.kidshealth.org/kid/watch/house/k_ergonomics.html
- **Netiquette for Kids**, Boston Public Library.
www.bpl.org/kids/Netiquette.htm

7. Approached by a stranger

- **More Adventures With Scruff**, McGruff.org. Read the "Ride Home" and "Outta Here" stories on Mcgruff and Scruff in this online comic book.
<http://www.mcgruff.org/mcgruff/mcgruff/?pg=13352-13534>
- **Stranger Danger**, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.
www.chp.edu/besafe/kids/01stranger_danger.php

8. Someone tries to hurt you with words or actions

- **Kid's Room: Stop Bullies**, The Child Safety Institute. Find out here how to be a "bully buster."
www.kidsafe-caps.org/bullies.html
- **Dealing with Bullies**, KidsHealth.
www.kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/emotion/bullies.html

9. Encountering a strange dog or a wild animal

- **Dog Bites**, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.
www.chp.edu/besafe/kids/01dog_bite.php
- **"Don't Worry, They Won't Bite,"** American Veterinary Medical Association. Get advice from this Dog Bite Prevention Campaign brochure on how to train your dog and deal with others.
<http://www.avma.org/pubhlth/dogbite/dogbitebroc.asp>