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NJSIG's July Safety Resources:

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Safety Scramble

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June's Safety Scramble Answer:
Security Resource Officer

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

Summer Sessions:

LEGAL ONE/NJPSA/FEA is Offering Summer Learning Classes Throughout July and August:

Please [click here](#) for the full provided schedule.

Beware: Mold



Extremely hot and humid weather, combined with schools that are closed and not being used in summer, create the ideal environment for mold that can develop and spread quickly. Closing the doors for the summer will save your district in energy costs. However, if important moisture control strategies are not enforced, closing a school building over the summer can end up costing the district thousands of dollars and more importantly, the health of students and faculty.

Please [click here](#) for Mold Guidelines from NJ Department of Health.
Please [click here](#) for more information. .



Distracted Walking

Heads Up, Phone Down!

Distracted walking incidents are on the rise, and everyone with a cell phone is at risk. According to a Governors Highway Safety Association report, there were nearly 6,000 pedestrian fatalities in 2017. This number mirrors 2016 fatalities.

We are losing focus on our surroundings and putting our safety – and the safety of others – at risk.

The solution: Stop using phones while walking, and not just in crosswalks and intersections. Over half of distracted walking injuries occur in our own homes, proving that we need to stay aware of our surroundings, whether they're new or familiar.

All Age Groups are Vulnerable

While pedestrian-vehicle injuries are the fifth leading cause of death for children ages 5 to 19, according to SafeKids.org, no age group is immune. Here are a few tips from NHTSA and NSC for children and adults of all ages:

- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street; looking left a second time is necessary because a car can cover a lot of distance in a short amount of time
- Make eye contact with drivers of oncoming vehicles to make sure they see you
- Be aware of drivers even when you're in a crosswalk; vehicles have blind spots
- Don't wear headphones while walking
- Never use a cell phone or other electronic device while walking
- If your view is blocked, move to a place where you can see oncoming traffic
- Never rely on a car to stop
- Children younger than 10 should cross the street with an adult
- Only cross at designated crosswalks
- Wear bright and/or reflective clothing
- Walk in groups

[Click here](#) for National Safety Council's full article on pedestrian safety.



Best to Leave Fireworks to the Experts

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks displays. But along with all the festivities are plenty of visits to emergency rooms – especially during July.

In New Jersey, it is unlawful to sell, possess, or use fireworks, other than certain sparking devices and novelties, without a valid permit.

If They're Legal:

If fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire

Please [click here](#) for more information on firework safety from the National Safety Council.

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1-800-782-7463 - WeTip Bullying Hotline