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Spring is here, and outdoor adventures are calling! As the weather warms and activities pick up, April is the perfect time to refresh everyday safety habits. Safe Kids Grand Forks is here with simple, practical tips to help families stay safe, active, and ready for spring!

Car Seat/Booster Check: Is Your Child Riding Safely?

As children grow, their car seat or booster seat needs change! Whether using a forward-facing car seat, a harnessed seat, or a booster, it's important to understand the differences and ensure the seat fits your child correctly. Take time to check the harness, installation, and overall condition of the seat. Remember: Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper use, adjustments, and cleaning.



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Farm Safety: Keep Kids Safe Around Agriculture!

Farms offer great learning opportunities, but machinery, animals, and chores can pose serious risks for children. Keep these tips in mind:

- **Choose Age-Appropriate Tasks:** Match chores to your child's age, abilities, and experience.
- **Stay Clear of Machinery:** Keep children away from operating equipment, grain augers, and skid steers.
- **Respect Animals:** Livestock can be unpredictable. Always provide close adult supervision around large animals.

Remember: Farm safety starts with teaching kids to recognize hazards and make safe choices!

Driveway Safety: Stop, Look, and Stay Alert!

Summer means more kids walking, biking, and scootering through neighborhoods. Driveways and parked vehicles can create hidden dangers. Stay safe with these tips:

- **Watch for Backing Vehicles:** Look for reverse lights and listen for running engines before crossing driveways.
- **Avoid Blind Spots:** Never dart out from behind parked cars, SUVs, or delivery trucks.
- **Stop and Wait:** If a vehicle is moving or preparing to back out, stay clear until it has stopped or passed.

Remember: Drivers may not see you, so always stop, look, and stay alert!

Spring Melt: Stay Clear of Drains & Ditches!

Melting snow creates fast-moving water in storm drains, culverts, and ditches. These areas can be dangerous for children. Stay safe with these tips:

- **Stay Away from Drains:** Never play on or near storm drain grates, especially when water is flowing.
- **Leave Toys Behind:** If a ball or toy lands near rushing water, don't retrieve it. Ask an adult for help.
- **Avoid Drainage Tunnels:** Culverts and tunnels can fill with water quickly, trapping anyone inside.

Remember: Fast-moving water is powerful. Stay back and stay safe!

Charge Smart: Prevent Battery Fires!

Spring means more e-bikes, e-scooters, and hoverboards hitting the streets! Before heading out, remember these important charging safety tips:

- **Choose a Safe Spot:** Charge on a hard, flat surface away from anything flammable.
- **Keep Exits Clear:** Never charge or store devices near doorways or escape routes.
- **Unplug When Charged:** Avoid overnight charging and unplug once the battery is full.
- **Use the Right Charger:** Always use a manufacturer-approved charger designed for your device.

Remember: Safe charging helps prevent dangerous battery fires!

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