

SAFETY TOWN

Safety Town educates Kindergarten students about I-CAER, Iberville Parish LEPC and Iberville Parish Emergency Operations plan and support Safety Town annually. Students learn many safety messages through hands-on activities, music and fun.

PRIMARY SAFETY TOWN MESSAGES:

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Wally Wise Guy is a turtle that teaches people to Shelter-In-Place. Whenever there is danger, he quickly retreats inside his shell. To be safe during an emergency, please:



SHELTER-IN-PLACE

When the siren sounds

- ▶ **Seek shelter**
- ▶ **Shut doors and windows**
- ▶ **Turn off A/C or heaters**
- ▶ **Turn on cable television**
- ▶ **Avoid unnecessary use of telephone**

Wait until you get word of an "all clear" before going back outside.

GUN SAFETY

The Eddie the Eagle GunSafe® program and his Wing team teach students about gun safety.



If you come across a gun: **"STOP! DON'T TOUCH. RUN AWAY. TELL A GROWN-UP!"**



<https://wethekids.us/the-eddie-eagle-gunsafe-program/>

HOW TO DIAL 9-1-1

The Iberville Office of Emergency Preparedness/9-1-1 dispatchers use a simulator and teach children to dial 9-1-1 and share their emergency with the operator. They also teach the children their home address and the importance and seriousness of calls to 9-1-1.

Parents: Please make sure your children know their home address and main telephone number.

BICYCLE/VEHICLE/TRAFFIC SAFETY

Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle! Be cool – follow some basic safety tips when you ride. Learning and obeying all traffic laws is also an important aspect of bicycle safety.

SAFE RIDING TIPS

Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly.

Remember to:

- **Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet.** Protect your brain, save your life.
- **Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit.**
- **Check Your Equipment.** Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.
- **See and Be Seen.** Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.
- **Control Your Bicycle.** Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.
- **Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards.** Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash.
- **Avoid Riding at Night.**

RULES OF THE ROAD – BICYCLING ON THE ROAD

When riding, always:

- **Go With the Traffic Flow.**
- **Obey All Traffic Laws.**
- **Yield to Traffic When Appropriate.**

- **Be Predictable.** Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.
- **Stay Alert at All Times.** Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks etc. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride.
- **Look Before Turning.**
- **Watch for Parked Cars.** Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).
- **Enter a street at a corner and not between parked cars.**



For more information on bicycle safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Web site at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Vehicle & Traffic Safety

1. Know Your Signals

- **GREEN** means 'go': Only when the signal turns 'green', vehicles move ahead.
- **RED** means to 'stop': When the signal turns red, all the vehicles have to stop.
- **YELLOW** means to slow down: When the signal turns yellow, vehicles should slow down and prepare to stop.
- The 'Walk' or a walking man symbol at intersections are for pedestrians. Cross the road only if these signs turn green. But look to the left and right to ensure no vehicles are approaching.
- Never cross the road if the sign says 'Don't Walk' or if the walking man symbol turns red.

2. Stop, Look Both Ways & Cross

3. Pay Attention – Listen for the sound of horns or vehicles.

4. Use Sidewalks

5. Use Crosswalks and Pedestrian Crossing When You Cross the Street

6. Stay Safe Inside a Moving Vehicle

- Wear a seatbelt. (Children under a certain age/size are required to use car seats.)
- Never stand inside a moving vehicle, especially a school bus or van.
- Do not put any part of your body outside the window of a moving vehicle.

Parents: Do not use cell phones while driving. Never leave your children alone in the vehicle.

RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY

According to Operation Lifesaver, a national non-profit organization, nearly 2,000 Americans are killed and injured at highway/rail grade crossings each year.

- Remember that any time is train time.
- Slow down when approaching a railroad crossing and look both ways—TWICE!
- Never race a train to cross the tracks.
- When approaching a crossing, roll down your windows, turn off the radio or air conditioner, and listen for whistles or bells
- Always yield to flashing lights, whistles, closing gates, crossbucks or stop signs.
- Teach children that the railroad is never a place to play, walk, run, bike ride, or use as a short cut. Don't fish from railroad bridges either.
- Always cross the tracks at the designated railroad crossing or pedestrian crossing.
- Don't be fooled by the optical illusion presented by the train. It is always moving faster and is much closer than you think.
- Remember to **look, listen** and **live**. ANY TIME IS TRAIN TIME!

FLOODING

Floods occur during or after heavy rains or when dams break. At these times, rivers may overflow and local culverts and ditches become dangerous. Floods that happen quickly are called flash floods. Even the smallest of floods can be dangerous if you are not prepared. It only takes a few inches of flood water on a road to carry away even large vehicles. The best rule to follow is "Turn Around, Don't Drown."™



For more information on flooding and flood safety, visit <https://www.focusonfloods.org> and <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>.

FIRE SAFETY

Iberville Parish Firemen dress in full gear to show children they are not monsters, but dressed for fire safety to save them in the event of a home fire. They teach stop, drop and roll. (Please see page 7 for Stop, Drop and Roll.)

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Iberville Parish Sheriff's Department and local police arrive in patrol cars and encourage students to scoot through the back seat. The goal is to establish trust between residents and law enforcement, showing students police want to help.