

SAFETY TOWN

Safety First! for Santa Clarita's Kids

www.safetytownscv.com

Safety Town is a one-week, 3 ½ - hour day, safety education summer program to be held at West Creek Academy. Safety awareness is introduced to children (ages 4½ to 6 years) in an age appropriate, fun, and secure environment. Through group lessons, guest visits from local community safety professionals, songs, lessons, crafts and pedestrian/driver role play, the program teaches children to evaluate “safe” from “unsafe” situations. Topics include:

- Earthquake Safety & Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety/ 9-1-1
- Emergencies/Dialing 9-1-1
- Water Safety (pool, ocean, lake, river)
- Personal Safety/Stranger Danger
- Bicycle/Scooter/Wheels Safety
- Pedestrian Safety
- Vehicle and Passenger Safety
- Playground Safety
- Animal Safety
- Internet Safety
- Drugs/Medicine Safety

At Safety Town, young children develop, practice and reinforce basic safety habits and rules under the guidance of a California-credentialed teacher, a safety education specialist, and trained youth volunteers. They learn lessons from daily visits by local community safety professionals representing the County Fire and Sheriff's Departments, American Red Cross, the City of Santa Clarita — Crossing guards, Lifeguards, and more. The Safety Town community is complete with child-size buildings, street signs, crosswalks, sidewalks, traffic light and small pedal cars with seatbelts. Children are divided into building groups and colors for smaller group instruction.

Session dates and times:

Session 1 – July 15 - 19
Session 2 – July 22 - 26 } from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Youth volunteers (Counselors-in-Training), ages 13 - 17 in grades 8 to 12, assist the teachers in the instruction, modeling, and reinforcement of safety rules and behaviors to be learned by the young children. Volunteers may work 1 or 2 sessions, and earn community service hours. They are an integral part of the success of Safety Town - Santa Clarita.

All Safety Town teachers, teachers' aide, and youth and adult volunteers must attend a mandatory orientation program on Friday, July 12 from 10:00 AM to 12 noon.

More information about **Safety Town** is available on www.safetytownscv.com or by emailing the Susan Russell, Exec. Director of Safety Town at susan@santaclaritaoptimistfoundation.org.

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