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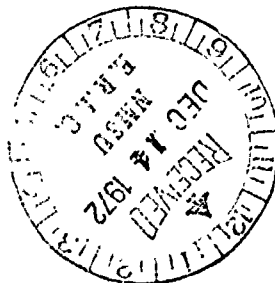
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## FOREWORD

This publication contains curriculum suggestions for teaching Strand V - Education for Survival, Safety Education, for grades 7, 8, and 9.

The publication format of four columns is intended to provide teachers with: a basic content outline in the first column; a listing of the major understandings and fundamental concepts which children may achieve, in the second column; and information specifically designed for classroom teaching which should provide them with resource materials, teaching aids, and supplementary information, in the third and fourth columns. The comprehensive nature of the health program makes it imperative that teachers gain familiarity with all of the strands presently in print. In this way, important teaching-learning experiences may be developed by cross referring from one strand to another.

It is recommended that the health coordinator in each school system review these materials carefully and consult with teachers, administrators, and leaders of interested parent groups in order to determine the most appropriate manner in which to utilize this strand as an integral part of a locally adapted, broad and comprehensive program in health education.

The curriculum materials presented here are in tentative form and are subject to modification in content and sequence. Critiques of the format, content, and sequence are welcomed.

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## OVERVIEW

In our present technological society hazards have become so numerous, complicated, and varied that the intellectual and emotional preparation needed to live safely has become increasingly complex. Safety and accident prevention remain a major unsolved problem.

For this reason it is important that parents, teachers, and administrators understand the problem of safety and the relationship of health and safety in a total school program. Education in safety and accident prevention are attempts to assure the optimum welfare of all students.

Adolescents need to become aware of the safety implications of their daily lives and of the activities associated with safe and unsafe living. This strand places increasing emphasis on understanding accident causation; the human and environmental factors involved; the research being conducted on accidents and their cause and prevention; and safety in civil emergencies.

The student is encouraged to find answers to the following questions:

1. Can we provide a truly safe environment? Individual safety? A safe way of behaving?
2. Is there a relationship between the mental health status of a person, the nature of social structure (and the activities within this structure), and the creation of the physical things of life and safe living?

## OUTCOMES

Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 should:

1. Be aware of the hazards related to their activities.
2. Understand the environmental, social, and personal factors related to safe living.
3. Know there is a relationship between one's activities, attitudes, and accidents.
4. Develop insight into the relationship between their growth and development and safe participation in various activities.
5. Acquire the knowledge to be able to react properly in the event of an emergency.
6. Be encouraged to accept responsibilities which lead to the prevention of accidents.

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I. The Accident Problem

A. Definitions

- 1. Accident
- 2. Injury

Discuss relevant definitions in "Accident Facts," National Safety Council, 425 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois (about \$2).

An accident is an unexpected or unintended occurrence which usually produces injury, death, or property damage.

The National Safety Council defines a disabling injury as an injury which prevents a person from performing any of his usual activities for a full day beyond the day of the accident.

B. Accident statistics

Death from accidental injury is the leading cause of death in the age group 1-37, and is the fourth major cause of death for all age groups.

For every one death resulting from an accident, 100 disabling injuries occur.

Discuss injury and death statistics. Use the chalkboard or make charts, slides, or transparencies. Refer to "Accident Facts."

1968 deaths from accidental injury

Motor vehicles	55,000
Home	30,000
Work	15,000
Drowning	7,000
Other	3,000
Total	<u>110,000</u>

(from "Accident Facts," National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois)

An interesting bulletin board display can be made from newspaper clippings telling of various accidents. Each clipping can be accompanied by a paragraph in which the student tries to analyze the cause of the accident and suggests how it might have been prevented.

Compare the annual cost of accidents in the United States with the total expenditure for education, medical care, etc. Prepare a circle graph to illustrate the findings.

The financial cost of accidental injury and death runs over 20 billion dollars yearly, based on lost wages, medical expenses, insurance costs, and property damage.



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II. Safe Behavior	<p>Safe or unsafe behavior is developed very early in life and becomes part of a person's personality.</p> <p>According to the multiple-causation theory, accidents are caused by a combination of events, each of which may be subject to human control.</p>	<p>Make a list of things a child is exposed to by parents, teachers, and others in an attempt to teach him safe living.</p>	<p>Attitudes toward safe behavior begin to be developed very early in life. Family living patterns and the individual's reactions to environmental factors, seem to combine to establish not only direct safe or unsafe behavior, but apparently unconscious and disguised safe or unsafe behavior.</p>
	<p>After attitudes are thoroughly established, it is difficult to bring about radical attitude changes.</p>	<p>Have students describe the ways they are more "on their own" in safety matters than they were several years ago.</p>	<p>The multiple-causation theory, as an explanation of accidents, simply states that there are a number of factors necessary to cause an accident. The absence of any one of the factors may prevent or eliminate the accident.</p>
		<p>Discuss what our society must do to insure reasonably safe conditions for all people.</p>	<p>Safety is the result of change of behavior or a change in the physical environment which eliminates hazards.</p>
		<p>Set up several small groups to discuss the following topic:</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In early adolescence learning emphasis must be placed on positive and rewarding safe living.</li></ul>	
		<p>Allow students to describe how legislation has influenced safety in all areas.</p>	

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Cite legislation in the areas of home, industry, public, and motor vehicle safety.

Have the class prepare a list of national organizations that have made a contribution to the safety movements stating the contributions of each.

Plan a "brainstorming session" for the class and discuss the ways in which the positive approach toward safety contributes to the improvement of society.

#### A. Mental health factors in safe living

Some of the key mental health factors involved in safety are:

Discuss the varying human factors which contribute to a potential accident.

Include:

Some human factors which might contribute to a potential accident situation may specifically include:

1. Personality traits
  - total personality traits
  - emotionality-impulsiveness
  - active maturity level

- social environmental circumstances
- impulsive reactions to environmental circumstances
- unconscious desires, attitudes, etc.

- inattentiveness
- emotions - anger and fear
- distress
- preoccupation
- use of drugs of various kinds

• why a person may take drugs or drink alcohol and then place himself in a situation which requires complete attentiveness, such as in the case of driving.

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Many accidents originate in unsafe acts.

- Accidents do not just happen, they are caused.
- We need to stop unsafe acts if we are to eliminate accidents.

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Have the class prepare reports on the different ways safety can become a part of a person's value structure.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Family relationships influence one's mental health and also one's immediate reactions to life. Family discord, for example, may develop aggressiveness. If this discord occurs while the child is very young, this trait may become a part of his total mental health make-up. If it is an immediate situation, the aggression may be very temporary, but may also contribute to unsafe behavior which could result in an accident.

## 2. Motivation

Unsafe acts performed by people may be related to motivational factors.

Elicit answers to the question, "Are teenagers today being subjected to greater social pressures and seeking tension-relieving experiences?"

Discuss the accidents in which your students or their friends and acquaintances have been involved recently and list safety precautions that might have prevented these accidents.

See Strand III for both grades 7-9 and 10-12. Discuss the factors which influence mental health, motivation, and general attitudes toward life.

The development of safe attitudes is correlated with the awareness of the accident problem.

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#### B. Environmental factors in safe living

There are several human and environmental factors which affect the course of accidents.

Analyze newspaper accounts of some accidents.

- What were the factors contributing directly to the accident (weather, road conditions, etc.)?

- What were some circumstances that may have led to the accident (family quarrels, failure to have car inspected)?

- What factors, if brought into play in time, might have prevented this accident?

- Were other people directly or indirectly involved?

Some environmental factors which might contribute to a potential accident situation include:

- poor construction or engineering of vehicles, roads, buildings, etc.

- excessive force on an object of machinery without proper safeguards

- poor balance of objects

- excessive speed

- unprotected areas
- a combination of social, personal, and physical environmental factors

#### 1. Others

Individuals cannot always live safely by themselves since the attitudes of others affect them.

Accident prevention must be directed toward both the individual and society as a whole.

- Invite a psychologist to class to discuss social influences on total living.

- Have the class make a list of social, personal, and environmental factors which may cause accidents. Discuss.

#### 2. Self

Environments are no safer than the individual's ability to adjust to the potential dangers.

- Have class discussion to determine how research is helping to solve these problems.

- Have students discuss the statement, "The human body mechanisms are designed to help you live safely."

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C. Accident  
proneness

There is a correlation  
between individual  
personality and suscep-  
tibility to accidents.

What are some of the body's  
safety aids?

Invite a representative of  
an insurance company to  
class to discuss:

- How companies determine  
premiums
- Why some persons are  
considered greater risks  
than others
- What insurance companies  
think about "accident  
proneness"

It is thought by some authori-  
ties that some people may have  
personality factors which  
place them more frequently in  
unsafe circumstances. These  
may be unconscious desires to  
alleviate guilt feelings,  
which occur as a result of a  
sense of self-destruction  
self-punishment, etc.

It is possible that accident  
proneness may be related to  
hostile feelings, a sense of  
over-confidence or insecure  
feelings.

See Strand III. Discuss  
the factors related to  
growth and development and  
how they may be related to  
developing safe attitudes.

What effect does legal  
action have on safety?

III. Safety in the Home

A. Types of  
accidents

The major causes of  
injuries in the home are  
falls and fires.

1. Falls
2. Fires
3. Others

Falls account for approxi-  
mately 15,000 deaths yearly,  
fires for approximately 7,000.  
More than 4 million are  
injured annually. 75 percent  
of all deaths resulting from  
falls occur to people over  
age 65. Home accidents kill  
more children than the next  
six causes combined.

Show the film "How to Have  
an Accident in the Home."  
New York State Department  
of Health Film Library, 84  
Holland Avenue, Albany,  
New York.

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Conduct a home hazard survey.  
Have students develop a survey instrument, administer it, then tabulate, graph, and report to class. Close supervision is required in this activity. At a later date have students report on how home hazards were corrected.

Develop a large classroom poster depicting the various fire hazards commonly found in the home.

Make up safety slogans giving home safety hints.

Have students as a class project build a model house and label potential hazard areas.

Use overhead transparencies or charts showing hazardous areas in the school, community, and home.

B. Those most susceptible to injury

Children and the aged are the most susceptible to injuries in the home.

1. Aged

2. Children

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C. Preventive measures	One of the objectives of safety education is to make people more alert to accident hazards, and thereby reduce accidents.	Have students determine how they might reduce the potential hazards within their own home. They can report back to class about their efforts.	There is a close correlation between accidents and absence of supervision.
1. Individual			
2. Community	The hazards related to home swimming pools can be minimized if recommended precautions are taken.		
3. Legislative			
IV. Safety in the School			
A. Types of activities	Through the close cooperation of students and members of the school staff, safety hazards in the school environment can be significantly reduced.	Organize a school safety club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Conduct a school safety survey.</li> <li>. Have students act as safety inspectors.</li> <li>. Have students analyze accidents.</li> </ul> <p>Discuss why boys have twice the accident rate girls have.</p> <p>As a class project have students make a sketch of a proposed elementary school- making provisions for play areas, student traffic flow, bicycle storage, and transportation loading and unloading of students. Ask them to describe the safety factors involved.</p>	The 1968 "Accident Facts," published by the National Safety Council, Chicago, states that most accidental injuries occur during physical and recreational activities. The boys have twice the accident rate as do the girls.

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### B. Preventive measures

1. Individual
2. Collective
3. Legislative

Safety hazards in school can best be eliminated through a cooperative effort of all the people using the buildings and grounds.

What part do laws play in reducing accidents in school?

Consult your teacher's handbook for local fire regulations.

List those areas which need to be considered in studying school safety.

- . Are all these included in your survey?
- . How are these safety situations controlled in your school?

Using their own school as an example, have students identify the special provisions the school has made for:

- . safety of handicapped children
- . safety in unorganized games
- . safety while changing classes or during school dismissal

Students can help make parents aware of home and traffic hazards and the need for correction and control of hazards.

Have students set up activities that may become part of a community project in safety education.



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### V. Safety in Physical and Recreational Activities

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There are specific hazards associated with particular athletic and recreational activities.

In general, contact sports are more dangerous than noncontact activities.

Protective equipment and proper conditioning can prevent or reduce the severity of injuries.

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Make movies of safety in sports.

Bring examples of different types of protective sport equipment into the classroom.

Each student might write a report or make safety posters about his favorite sport. He or she should include the safety precautions appropriate for this particular sport.

#### A. Water recreational activities

##### 1. Swimming

Swimming is a competitive recreational, and life-saving activity.

Both boys and girls should learn the basic procedures of water safety.

Have students list ten qualifications for a safe swimming area.

Organize a bulletin board for the demonstration of water safety.

Those who like to make posters or draw cartoons might prepare a series on water safety.

Swimming is the most popular of all American sports.

Film: *Be Water Wise Swimming*, 25 minutes, color, N. F. Films, State Health Department Film Library.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

The inexperienced or untrained individual is the one who is most likely to take unwarranted chances that can lead to accidents.

Outdoor swimming classes in summer are conducted by the American Red Cross.

In New York State there was a 92 percent increase in the number of school pools in the 1955-1965 period.

Two out of every three people in the United States are not able to swim 50 feet. Close to 7,000 people drown each year in the United States.

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Six out of seven drowning victims are boys.

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Film: *I'm No Fool in Water*, 8 minutes, color, State Health Department.

Use the American Red Cross posters and water safety guide to illustrate specific safety principles.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

The age group 5-14 leads the list of drowning fatalities.

Show and discuss the following films:

*Ice Rescue*, American Red Cross, 12 minutes, color.

*Water Rescue*, 12 minutes, color, State Health Department Film Library.

### Discussion questions:

- . Why isn't it good to swim alone?
- . Why shouldn't you dive in unknown water?
- . How can a swimmer rest while swimming?
- . What danger might you face if you swim in very cold water?

### Some basic swimming rules are:

- . A swimmer should not swim alone. In case of emergency, he might be unnoticed and drown.
- . In unknown water a rock, submerged piling, etc. could cause injuries.
- . A swimmer might float, tread water, or vary his style of swimming -- sidestroke or dog paddle is restful.
- . Cold water exhausts a swimmer more quickly than warm water. Cold muscles are susceptible to cramps.

Swimming can be beneficial as a recreational activity for all. Certain basic procedures should be learned, however, for safe swimming.

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- Discuss why it is not a good procedure to call for help when one is only fooling.

• He may at another time need help and people will think he is fooling.

#### 2. Boating

The United States Coast Guard sets rules and regulations that increase boating safety.

Have students tell about small craft such as: row-boats, canoes, kayaks, inflated boats; their uses, and hazards involved in the use of each.

The National Safety Council in 1968 stated that approximately 1,500 drownings were listed among small boat accidents last year. Life preservers must be available for all passengers. Keep these dry. Federal Boating Act, 1958 - "All boats of 10 H.P. or greater must be numbered and licensed."

Film: *Boating Safety*, *Courtesy Afloat*, 18 minutes, color, B.Y.M. Films, New York State Health Department.

Does N.Y.S. have special laws for safe boating?

Invite a speaker from a local boating club or organization.

If there is sufficient interest in your school or community, students may wish to investigate the details of the New York State Conservation Department's boating course.

New York State has a boating course conducted under the Conservation Department. Regulations and pamphlets are available free.

Since fuel vapors are explosive, special precautions should be observed with fuel or empty containers that once contained fuel.

Discussion of boating safety:

The teacher should stress items such as these:

- What are the legal requirements for boat operators ages 10-14?
- Fueling - never refuel with the motor running or when it is hot.

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Overloading, horseplay, and improper movement of passengers in a boat are very dangerous.

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- Why must boats have required signals?
- What are some Coast Guard rules for safe boating?

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Plan a field trip to a marina and observe safety facilities.

- Overloading - can be dangerous
- Movement of passengers
- In case of trouble - sudden storm, etc., do not leave the boat. Even a capsized boat will remain afloat.

### 3. Water skiing

Even though water skiing is a relatively safe sport, there are hazards associated with it.

Class Discussion:

- How can water skiing be made safer?

In 1965 over 7.8 million people waterskied in the U.S.: - 62% of these were men; 38% women. (Outdoor Recreation Resources Commn.)

One out of every five boats purchased today is for water skiing purposes.

Water skiing developed from snow skiing. It is a fast-growing recreational sport.

Discuss the safe skiing rules with the class.

Rules for safe water skiing:

- New York State requires two persons in a boat for water skiing. One is the operator and the other is the observer.
- Most of the accidents in water skiing can be avoided. They are caused by striking a fixed object such as a dock; being run into by the towing boat, striking floating debris, or entanglement in the tow line.
- Wear a flotation device for your own protection -- jackets are better than belts.
- Avoid excessive speed and stay away from bathers and fishing boats.
- Learn and use the proper hand signals.
- Watch for hazards, and do not depend on the operator of the boat.
- On falling, recover the skis as they will float.

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Water skiers must follow certain rules to be courteous and safe.

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- Should the skier fall, the driver should reduce his speed and return to the skier. Stop the motor when taking the skier into the boat.
- Since a fatigued skier can get in trouble easily, don't ski when fatigued.
- It is important to protect the water skier from excessive exposure to sun and wind.

### B. Camping

When planning a camping trip it is desirable to include at least one experienced camper who is familiar with the camping area, and whatever hazards it may pose.

#### Discussion:

- woods courtesy - ask permission, etc.
- fire building - on rock or clear areas
- prevention of fire - location best prevention
- use of woods, tools - axe, knife, etc.
- keeping clean and safe - latrine, food supply, water
- weather - storms
- hiking, fishing - clothing, hooks, etc.

Have students suggest the contents of a well-equipped first aid kit to be taken on a camping trip.

Have students do research on the harmful forms of plant and animal life in

Camp should be on high ground; mosquitoes frequent low areas.

A water supply should be tested and treated for purity. Don't camp on the bank of a stream where there is danger of a flash flood.

Fire safety is a must at camp; light a fire only in a safe area.

Because of the danger of lightning, don't camp next to the only tree in an area.

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VI. Safety at Work

A. Industrial

Industrial accident rates have been reduced by personnel training, design of equipment, safety devices, and safety regulations.

Obtain samples of protective equipment used in industry (e.g., gloves, goggles, and shoes).

Invite a safety engineer to speak with students.

Visit a nearby factory or construction site and have your students note the variety of safety measures taken to prevent industrial accidents.

The most hazardous occupations are mining, construction, and farming, in that order.

Divide class in committees. Assign each committee the responsibility of investigating the safety measures,

Compile, with class, a list of rules and necessary information connected with the use of firearms and with hunting precautions.

their own locality. The study should include identification of the plants or animals; dangers of each; precautions to take against the dangers; and first aid treatment which may be applied if necessary.

The 1968 "Accident Facts," the National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois, states that since World War II, the rate of accidental deaths of workers has been decreasing. Due to rising prices, the cost of injuries and deaths has risen to about 7 billion dollars yearly at an average cost per worker of \$100.

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including legislation, which have occurred in particular industries; e.g., mining, railroad work.

**B. Agricultural**

Most farm accidents are preventable.

Farm machinery should be carefully maintained and operated.

Have a committee of students list some of the factors which make a farm safe; which make a farm unsafe.

Of the 8,000 accidental farm deaths each year, slightly less than half were associated with some type of motor vehicle including tractors. (from "Accident Facts," National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois, 1968.)

The National Safety Council states that injuries from farm fires have been declining.

**C. Teenage jobs**

Many of the jobs held by teenagers involve some element of risk that can be reduced by following safety precautions.

Invite a representative of the N.Y.S. Employment Service to speak to your students about the age requirements for certain jobs and the types of jobs that are considered too hazardous for school-going teenagers to be engaged in.

Many teenage boys earn money by mowing lawns. Individual students may collect evidence of accidents which occurred in their neighborhoods from careless use of power motors. Have the class develop a set of rules as guides in the safe handling of the mowers.

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The babysitter's main task is to prevent accidents and injury while providing adequate care for children.

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Have students report on their babysitting experiences and indicate how some episodes have altered their technique as babysitters.

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A babysitter should:

- Find out from the parents:
  1. when they will return home
  2. how to contact them
  3. special problems of children
  4. bedtime
  5. child's food habits
- Know the emergency telephone numbers for police, doctor, and fire department.
- Be shown around the house and learn the location of thermostat, exits, flashlight, etc.
- Check on children regularly
- Be familiar with basic first aid procedures

VII. Safety in Driving  
and Walking

A. Automobiles

Many accidents involving motor vehicles occur under ideal weather, visibility, and road conditions.

Discussion of:

"Accident Facts,"  
New York State Department  
of Motor Vehicles -  
current issue

Death and injuries from motor vehicle accidents are seldom caused by mechanical failure of the machine, but are usually caused by the drivers or pedestrians.

Available at:  
Public Information  
504 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York

During the teens many students may begin to drink alcohol and smoke marijuana. Both of these drugs affect driving ability, making the driver more prone to an automobile accident. The drinking driver is involved in more than 50 percent of the deaths caused by automobile accidents. Next to alcohol, speed and recklessness account for the greatest number of deaths. About 30 percent of



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Some people are accident prone. Their physical and psychological makeup is such that they are more likely to have accidents than the average person.

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Discuss:

- causative factors related to automobile accidents
- the characteristics of teenage drivers
- the use of drugs and alcohol regarding safe driving
- "accident proneness"
- how automobile accidents may be prevented.

Have students investigate the benefits of using seat belts in automobiles. Discuss other precautionary measures that may be taken.

As a class project, develop a comprehensive public relations program designed to "sell" driver education to the community.

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the deaths are due to these factors. The remaining 20 percent are a result of a number of factors including fatigue; medical conditions such as a heart attack, a stroke, an epileptic seizure, or sudden loss of consciousness; mechanical failure of the car; being overcome by carbon monoxide gas from a faulty exhaust system; and drugs that the person may take for colds, motion sickness, allergies, and drowsiness, which may have powerful side effects causing dizziness and even hallucinations.

In New York State there are approximately 400,000 reportable accidents and 2,800 deaths each year from automobile accidents.

Accidents occurring in rural areas are accounting for a disproportionate increase in highway deaths. Rural death rates are 4 times higher than urban rates.

### B. Pedestrians

Pedestrian accidents are most frequent among the very young and the very old.

Have students determine the frequency of pedestrian accidents in your area. Do they tend to occur at common locations?

The 0-14 age group accounted for 49.3 percent of the pedestrian injuries in a recent year.

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Discuss: Pedestrians  
"Jaywalkers"  
Elderly and slow  
Partially blind  
Mentally deficient  
Alcohol and the  
pedestrian  
Drugs and the  
pedestrian  
Pedestrians in a hurry  
The hidden pedestrian

The death rate for elderly  
pedestrians 65 and older is  
higher than for all age  
groups combined.

Film: *Dick Makes Up*, 14  
minutes, color, State  
Health Department Film  
Library.

Have students do a research  
report on pedestrian prac-  
tices for the community.  
What is the greatest fault?  
How can these problems be  
solved?

In order to achieve a  
maximum level of highway  
and pedestrian safety,  
cooperation must exist  
between pedestrian and  
motorist.

C. Motorcycles

Motorcycle accidents and  
death rates are mounting  
rapidly.

Discuss:

- the laws in New York
- State for motorcycles
- type of equipment needed  
for motorcycle safety
- why these laws are  
necessary
- road surfaces and two-  
wheel vehicles

New York State has taken steps  
to regulate motorcycles  
through:

- operator licensing
- equipment regulations
- operation standards

A Review of Motorcycle  
Safety Problems in New York

A motorcycle license is  
obtained by passing a standard

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State -- State Department  
of Motor Vehicles, Division  
of Research.

Have students report on  
suitable clothing for  
the motorcyclist.

Discuss the rapid increase  
in the numbers of motor-  
cyclists in New York State.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Motorcycle Increase</u>
1960-64	52%
1964-65	83%
1965-66	52%

The rapid increase in  
motorcycle use has stimu-  
lated New York State to  
establish rules and  
regulations that help to  
protect motorcycle  
operators and passengers.

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written test, a vision test,  
a road sign identification  
test, and a special road test.

Motorcycle equipment regula-  
tions include requirements for  
adequate brakes, reflectors,  
lights, tires, horn or warning  
device, rear-view mirrors, and  
muffler.

Motorcyclist protective equip-  
ment regulations include  
approved helmets and eye pro-  
tective devices (goggles,  
safety glasses, face shields  
or windscreens.)

Rules of the road include:

- Motorcycles must not be  
driven more than two abreast  
in any single lane of  
traffic.
- Cycles must pass other  
vehicles on the left -- they  
may not pass between rows of  
vehicles parked, stopped or  
moving in adjacent lanes.

There are now 2 million or  
more registered motorcycles,  
a 400 percent increase since  
1960. State and local laws  
are being developed for the  
regulation of these vehicles.

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VIII. Safety in Civil  
Emergencies

A. Effects of nuclear weapons	Nuclear weapons have immediate and delayed effects.	Obtain students' copies of "In Time of Emergency, A Citizen's Handbook on Nuclear Attack - Natural Disasters" from your local Office of Civil Defense.	The experimental science syllabus for grades 7, 8, and 9 (Block L - Living with the Atom) provides comprehensive material on radiation, fission, fusion, etc. Teachers of health are urged to work with the science teacher in this topic area.
1. Blast area	Our country must be constantly prepared for an unexpected attack.		
2. Radioactive fallout			
a. Characteristics of fallout radiation	The atomic and hydrogen bombs are the most destructive weapons ever created by man.	Utilize filmstrip #1 of Medical Self-Help Training Program. This is available from the Office of Civil Defense.	If you are within the blast area, there is little or no chance of survival. In the

Have each student make a thorough inspection of the school building and determine all places that could be utilized as all-purpose shelters.

Study of accidents in 200 reports of motorcycle accidents in a year indicates "the primary problem in cycle-car crashes is communication between the operators."

Highway signs include special signs to warn cyclists when approaching bridges or viaducts with steel grating surfaces. This is a diamond shaped sign with letters on a yellow background "Steel Deck Bridge."

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b. Physiological effects of radiation on people	Radiation is the emission of particles or rays from the nuclei of certain atoms. The radiation may be alpha particles, beta particles, neutrons, or gamma rays.	<p>Make posters of areas affected by different size weapons.</p> <p>Discuss the factors that influence radioactive fallout including the size of the bomb, the type of explosion, the winds and atmospheric conditions, and the size of the fallout particles.</p>	<p>fringe area, there is a better chance. Outside the fringe area the main concern is fallout.</p> <p>The main hazards of a nuclear attack are blast, heat, fire, and radioactive fallout.</p> <p>You may be able to protect yourself against blast and heat by getting inside a shelter, or taking cover, before the nuclear explosions occur. You may be able to avoid fire injuries by putting out small fires or escaping from large fires that might occur in your area.</p>
	<p>An atomic bomb releases energy by nuclear fission.</p> <p>A hydrogen bomb releases energy by fusion.</p>	<p>Discuss the differences between an atomic bomb and a hydrogen bomb.</p>	<p>You can protect yourself against fallout radiation by getting inside a fallout shelter, if possible, before fallout particles begin drifting down, and by staying there until you are told to come out by authorities who have the equipment to measure radiation levels.</p>
	<p>Radioactive fallout is the major hazard of nuclear explosions.</p>	<p>Discuss what is meant by radioactivity.</p>	<p>After a nuclear attack, food and water would be available to most people, and it should be usable. If any fallout particles have collected, they could be removed before the</p>

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food is eaten or the water is drunk. People suffering from extreme hunger or thirst should not be denied food or water; even if the available supplies are not known to be free of fallout particles or other radioactive substances.

In a nuclear attack immediate protective steps must be taken to save one's life.

Discuss the characteristics of a nuclear explosion including the flash of light, blast, initial radiation, heat, shock wave, fire storm, and residual radiation.

Infants and small children should be fed canned or powdered milk (if available) for awhile after the attack, unless the regular milk supply is uncontaminated. They should not be given water that may contain radioactive substances, if other water known to be pure is available.

A person cannot "catch" radiation sickness from another person.

Radiation sickness

- . Acute radiation may cause death (600-700 Roentgens)
- . If not high dosage individual will recover
- . Genetic effects on future generations possible

B. Protection against radioactive fallout

There are several ways by which the hazards of nuclear emission may be reduced.

1. Radiation reduced

Review the previously suggested filmstrip. Distribute copies of "Your Family Survival Plan," Department of Agriculture.

Radiation reduces itself to 1/10 of its initial level in 7 hours; to 1/100 of its initial level in 48 hours; and 1/1000 of its initial level in 2 weeks.

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25 inches of earth or 1 foot of concrete will reduce the radiation to 1/100 of its intensity. Brick, concrete blocks, and water give almost as good protection.

Take the students to a school fallout shelter area. Inspect the area, first aid supplies, and water and food stores. Make a report on your observations.

Community shelters are intended to provide shelter for large groups of people in times of emergency.

Visit a home shelter if one is available in your area.

Concrete is the material frequently used in the construction of shelters. Supplies should include food and water; first aid supplies; cooking, eating and sleeping equipment; receptacles for waste materials; fire fighting equipment; a battery powered radio, flashlights, and lanterns; medicines; tools; and games.

Have a representative from a local Civil Defense unit speak to the students about the various kinds of shelters. Discuss the role of the community shelter in nuclear attacks. Discuss their location, construction, equipment, and supplies.

The absolute necessities in a home shelter are water, food, sanitation supplies, and medicines.

The problems of living in the restricted space of a shelter involve nutrition, sanitation, knowledge of the situation, heating, lighting, ventilation, comfort, decontamination, meeting emergency medical situations, and morale.

Discuss some of the major problems of living in a shelter.

Water - enough for one quart per person per day for 14 days.

Food - enough to feed all for 14 days

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C. Civil defense  
and the fallout  
program

A network of civil defense  
organizations throughout  
New York State is designed  
to assist in disaster  
situations.

Have a civil defense  
official visit the class-  
room to discuss the purpose  
and organization of his  
unit.

Before an emergency:

- First Aid Supplies -  
Bandages, aspirin, ther-  
mometer, first aid hand-  
book
- Infant supplies, utensils,  
clothing, bedding, fire-  
fighting equipment, tools,  
radio (battery)

1. Warning  
systems

2. Radio trans-  
mission

3. Radiological  
monitoring

4. Evacuation

5. Decontamination

Practice evacuation pro-  
cedures.

Discuss warning systems in  
your area.

In cooperation with school  
science personnel, demon-  
strate radiological moni-  
toring techniques.

- Make sure you know the  
difference between the Attack  
Warning Signal and the  
Attention or Alert Signal  
(if both are used in your  
community).



During an emergency:

- . When you hear the warning signals, or when the warning information is broadcast take prompt action.
- . If the Attack Warning Signal sounds, go to a fallout shelter immediately (unless your local government has told you to do something else). After you are in shelter, listen to a radio for more information and instructions.
- . If there is no public or private shelter you can go to, try to improvise some fallout protection. As a last resort, take cover in the best available place.
- . If there should be a nuclear flash -- especially if you feel the warmth from it -- take cover *instantly*, and then move to a fallout shelter later.

The Attack Warning Signal is a 3-5 minute wavering sound on the sirens or a series of short blasts on whistles or similar devices.

The Attention or Alert Signal is a 3-5 minute steady blast on a siren.

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D. Natural  
disasters

1. General  
procedures Cooperation with authori-  
ties will help everyone  
in disaster situations.

Distribute copies of "Aid -  
When Natural Disaster  
Strikes," New York State  
Civil Defense Commission.

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a. Emergency  
supplies

List emergency supplies  
needed.

Emergency supplies include:

b. General  
rules

Learn community warning  
signals.

- . water
- . canned or sealed package  
foods
- . medicines
- . first aid kit
- . blankets or sleeping bags
- . flashlights or lanterns
- . battery-powered radio

2. Kinds of  
natural  
disasters

a. Storms

Storms of various kinds  
are capable of mass  
destruction to property  
and injury to people.  
These storms may include  
hurricanes, blizzards,  
and tornadoes.

Discuss the causes of  
floods and hurricanes.  
Have an expert from the  
local weather bureau dis-  
cuss with the class floods  
and hurricanes, as well as  
the other kinds of storms.

Discuss the role of the  
weather bureau in the  
detection of hurricanes  
and the prediction of  
floods.

Floods may occur from  
exceptionally high tides and  
tidal waves resulting from  
storms and heavy winds.  
Severe cyclonic disturbances  
of the atmosphere in low  
latitudes are called tropical  
storms. In the western  
Atlantic they are known  
regionally as hurricanes, and  
in the western Pacific as  
typhoons. A cyclonic whirl  
is called a hurricane or  
typhoon if the surface winds

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Moving to a safer location is the best preventive action that can be taken.

Tornadoes are whirlpools of air of tremendous violence.

Tornadoes are the most violent of storms and may be the most dangerous.

Winds at the vortex of the tornado may be as strong as 300 miles per hour.

Winter storms include blizzards, heavy snows, ice storms, and freezing rain and sleet.

A blizzard is the most dangerous of all winter storms.

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Discuss the procedures that should be followed once a hurricane or flood warning has been issued.

Discuss the procedures that should be followed when a tornado watch has been announced. Discuss what should be done if you are at home, in a car, in a public vehicle, at work, or in an open field.

Discuss the causes of winter storms, the kinds of winter storms, and protection against them.

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exceed 75 miles per hour. Destructiveness of hurricanes is due to winds up to 200 miles per hour, storm waves, and tides, and flash floods.

If you are going to evacuate your home, the water, gas, and electrical service should be shut off before leaving. You should find out where emergency housing and mass feeding stations are located.

The radio and television should be kept on for information and advice from the local government and weather bureau. Any sign of the tornado should be reported to the local police department or other designated agency. The best protection is an underground shelter or cave, or a steel-framed or reinforced concrete building. A storm shelter or cellar is good.

A blizzard is a fierce snow storm accompanied by high winds and a rapid fall of temperature.

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	During blinding snowstorms cars should be driven onto the shoulder or parked off of the road. Car emergency kits should include flares, red flags, and a rod or pole that can be used to mark the car's position in drifting snow.	Discuss the safety precautions that should be followed before, during, and after a severe storm.	If a blizzard is forecast it is best to stay home. Keep an adequate supply of heating fuel on hand. Stock an emergency supply of food, water, and cooking equipment. Keep a battery-powered radio on hand. Travel only if necessary.
	Overexertion should be avoided.		
2. Earthquakes	An earthquake is a vibration or sudden undulation of a portion of the earth's crust caused by a shift of a rock mass or by volcanic or other disturbances.	Discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The causes of earthquakes</li><li>• Emergency procedures before, during, and after the quake.</li></ul>	If an earthquake occurs you should remain where you are.  Stay away from windows and outside doors. If a person is outdoors, he should stay away from overhead electric wires and poles. If you are driving a car, pull off the road and remain in the car.

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REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Section 153. Safety Education

Instruction in safety education, including highway and traffic safety, shall be given to all pupils in both elementary and secondary grades; such instruction shall be made a definite part of the school program either as a special subject or in connection with instruction in other subjects; comprehensive plans for safety education shall be organized by local school authorities including highway and traffic safety, home safety, recreational safety, industrial and occupational safety, and school safety, to insure the development of safety habits in all the varied activities of everyday life; and the instruction in safety education shall be given for not less than 30 periods, or the equivalent thereof, in each year in the elementary school (grades 1-8), for not less than 30 periods, or the equivalent thereof, in each year in the junior high school (grades 7-9), and for not less than 15 periods, or the equivalent thereof, in each year of the senior high school (grades 10-12).

## APPENDIX B

### Home safety check list:

- . Is the house kept neat and tidy?
- . Are floors slippery?
- . Are steps and railings safe?
- . Do you have adequate lighting?
- . Are the steps clear, not slippery?
- . Are there safety rails on the sides of the steps?
- . Does placement of furniture cause hazards?
- . Do you have an emergency phone number list?
- . Is the electric system overtaxed?
- . Are electric wires carelessly placed?
- . Are combustible items away from the stove?
- . Are cupboards cluttered?
- . Are unsafe electrical appliances in the bathroom?
- . Is a rubber mat used in the bathtub?
- . Is the medicine cabinet kept in good order?
- . Are home tools used and stored safely?

### Some safety hints for home swimming pools:

- . Children should not be permitted access to the pool area unless an adult is present to supervise them. Do not allow anyone to swim alone in the pool.
- . Parents should become familiar with the technique of artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. In event of an accident, this knowledge could prove to be vital.
- . The pool must not be filled with the hose nozzle submerged.

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AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS (7-9)

Bicycle Safety:

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- The bicyclist. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 15 min. color.
- The day bicycles disappeared. American Automobile Association, 1712 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 15 min. b&w.



If bicycles could talk. Aetna Life, 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Conn. 15 min. color.

I'm no fool with a bicycle. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 8 min. color.

Once upon a bicycle. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 10 min. b&w.

Babysitting:

ABC of babysitting. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 10 min. b&w.

Poison in the house. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 10 min. color.

To a babysitter. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 15 min. color.

You're in charge. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 12 min. b&w.

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Fire and wires. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 21 min. color.

Fireman at your door. Aetna Life, 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Conn. 19 min.

Your clothing can burn. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208. 13 min. color.

Farm Safety:

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You are the lifeguard. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y.  
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Dick wakes up. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208.  
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Safety through seat belts. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y.  
12208. 13½ min. b&w.

School Safety:

Expedite: school eye safety. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y.  
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Special delivery. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208.  
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Trouble takes no holiday. New York State Department of Health Film Library, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany, N.Y.  
12208. 18 min. color.