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Dear Oliveri,

Summer fun and kids are synonymous. But every year, too many kids are hurt during activities they like doing most. Here's a quick review of summer safety tips for kids with links to lots of additional resources. We hope you enjoy the summer season!



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Swing on, Bikes and Playgrounds ...

Nine Tips on Kid Safety and the Big Three of Summertime Injuries

Summer is in full swing and kids are everywhere, wringing out every glorious minute of summer vacation before it's back to school. And you know what that means: a whole new round of bumps and bruises!

This month's *You Should Know* features advice on what we call the Big Three of summertime injuries: pools, bikes and playgrounds. These timeless tips and extensive resources can help you prevent serious injuries to the young ones in your life — scraped knees and grass stains notwithstanding, of course.



Falls are the leading cause of playground injuries. [Read more.](#) © Mat Hayward / Fotolia

[Swing on.](#) >>>

BY THE NUMBERS /

218,851 Injured Kids

Between 2001 and 2008, an average of 218,851 preschool and elementary-aged children were treated at emergency rooms for playground equipment injuries.

Source: [Injury Research, National Program for Playground Safety](#)

4-Sided Fence

Four-sided fencing around pools decreases the risk of childhood drowning by 83 percent, as opposed to a three-sided fence with the fourth side formed by the home.

Source: [Unintentional Drowning: Fact Sheet, Centers](#)

TOP SETTLEMENTS.

> \$1.2 MILLION JURY AWARD: NY COUNTY, FALL AT DEFECTIVE SIDEWALK TREE WELL, CAUSING KNEE REPLACEMENT

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Every 2 Minutes

Every two minutes, a child is treated in an emergency department for an unintentional cycle-related injury.

Source: *Bicycle, Skate and Skateboard Safety Fact Sheet, Safe Kids USA*

BOOKMARK FAVORITES /

Interactive Video Games Teach Kids Pool Safety

Cartoon characters Splish and Splash teach children about pool and spa safety in these entertaining [interactive videos](#). The series is part of the [pool safety](#) campaign from the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#).

How Does Your Local Playground Rate?

To help you assess playground safety, [SafeKids Worldwide](#) offers a [checklist](#) for playground safety. Find and rate playgrounds in your neighborhood at [Map of Play](#), part of a national effort to create play spaces near every child in America

Activity Kits Encourage Bike Safety and Helmet Use

[The Bicycle Safety Activity Kit](#) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration makes it fun for kids to learn the basics about bicycle safety and helmet use. Resources are broken down by age group.

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Action Urged on Generic Drugs

After the U.S. Supreme Court held that generic drug companies cannot be held responsible for the design of the drugs they make, members of Congress are urging the FDA to take action.

[The facts](#)



Kid Safety Expert Has Seen It All

Bill Kitzes discusses playgrounds, pools and bicycles and what you can do to protect the children you know.

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