



Safety Never Hurts



Beamer the Safety Bug's Safety Never Hurts Bulletin
for parents and caregivers of young children

SPRING EDITION

Pedestrian Crossovers...making roads safer for our children.

A Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) is designed to create a safe walking area for vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclist to cross the road. Other vehicles must yield to those using a PXO. Pedestrians have the right of way when using a PXO; cars and cyclists must yield and come to a full stop until pedestrians fully cross the PXO. PXOs are identified by the ladder and shark teeth markings on the road. Drivers who fail to use PXO correctly can face fines ranging from \$150-\$500 and lose 3 demerit points.

The London Road Safety Committee in partnership with Active and Safe Routes to School have created a video to demonstrate to school-aged children how to correctly use a PXO. Tony the Street-Wise Cat is a series of videos to show pedestrians, cyclist and drivers how to use a PXO.

For more information, visit <https://www.london.ca/residents/Roads-Transportation/traffic-management/Pages/Pedestrian-Crossovers.aspx>



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Home Trampolines

Home trampolines are becoming a popular activity for kids. Trampolines are not recommended for children under 6 years old however, there is a high risk for injury no matter what age a child is.

The risk of the trampoline is in the use of the trampoline. Parents may think that supervision and safety nets will reduce this risk, but in reality, only very few trampoline injuries are caused by children falling off the trampoline.



Playground Safety Tips

Playgrounds are a great way for children to have fun and be active. However, many children have been hurt when they do not play safe.

Supervision is key.

Parental supervision of the most effective way to keep your child safe on the playground. Children between 5 and 9 experience the highest amount of playground injuries. Teach safe playground behaviour to decrease the incidence of injury.

Tips for Safe Play:

- Wait your turn. Teach that pushing, shoving or crowding can be dangerous.
- Sit down on swings and slides.
- Slide down feet first. Don't go up the slide ladder until the other person has gone down the slide. Don't stand at the bottom of slides.
- Hold on to railings
- Never jump from unsafe heights
- Keep away from moving swings. Keep fingers away from moving parts.
- Remove helmets, scarves, skipping ropes and drawstrings before going to the playground.



Try an
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centre!

EarlyON centres offer free drop-in programs for caregivers and children from birth to 6 years old. Find out if there is one near you!

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-earlyon-child-and-family-centre>

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