

# Indiana Emergency Medical Services for

Children Newsletter

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#### Lawn Mower Safety

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), approximately 9,000 children younger than 18 years of age are treated every year for power lawn mower injuries in emergency departments across the nation. Lawn mower injuries include lacerations, loss of digits, broken, fractured, and dislocated bones, burns, and penetrating injuries. May and June contain the most children with lawn mower related injuries; however, peak injury season occurs during warm weather months. Please see the attached fact sheet regarding lawn mower safety for additional details.

### Emergency Medical Services for Children Day

This year, EMSC Day will be held Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in conjunction with EMS Week (May 20-26). Please help us celebrate our nation's providers! Promotional resource activities for your community are available at: <a href="http://childrensnational.org/EMSC/Events">http://childrensnational.org/EMSC/Events</a> or <a href="http://childrensnational.org/EMSC/Events">www.indianaemsc.org</a>

#### Pediatric Heatstroke Prevention

Disasters happen quickly. Never leave your child unattended in a car, and make a habit of looking inside your vehicle before you walk away. Temperatures in the 60s can cause the temperature to rise well above 110° Fahrenheit inside a car. A car's temperature inside can rise almost 20 degrees within the first 10 minutes. For more information regarding preventing heatstroke see: <a href="http://www.safercar.gov/">http://www.safercar.gov/</a>

## IDHS, ISDH, & MESH are Sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ESF – 8 Conference

Health care providers of all types, health care executives, health care operations personnel, public health professionals, first responders, EMS providers, firefighters, emergency management officials, CERT members, funeral directors, coroners, MRC members, or anyone who wants to shape the future of ESF-8 in Indiana are invited to attend the upcoming 2nd Annual Indiana ESF-8 Conference. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.indianaesf8.org/users/login">http://www.indianaesf8.org/users/login</a>

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