

Neighborhood Safety Tips

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Pay attention to the bus's flashing warning lights and mechanical "stop sign arm."

- Make a complete stop when the bus's warning lights are flashing or the stop sign arm comes out. Do not proceed until the arm is lowered and the lights stop flashing.
- Lower your driving speed around schools and especially where children are loading and unloading from buses and cars.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children

Tips for Teen Babysitters

If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.

A good idea for your babysitting child is to get to know the family he or she will be working for prior to the job. This will help determine if the job will be a good fit. Also, when your child is just starting out, it's fine to go with them to a meet-and-greet and assist in asking the parents questions. Make sure your child knows that he or she always needs to have your permission before taking a babysitting job.

The first thing your child needs to establish is who to call in the event of an emergency. This includes where the parents are going to be while your kid is babysitting.

There is nothing wrong with turning down a job that may be too difficult for your child to accomplish.

Your teen needs to be prepared for any contingency and how to walk away from circumstances that may put him or her in danger. If the parents of the child come home drunk, your teen should know better than to accept a ride home from them.

Your child needs to know the emergency procedures for evacuation for fire, earthquake, tornado, or any other natural disaster your area may experience.

Parents appreciate honest feedback about how the babysitting went. Teach your child that communication with a parent about the situation is not the same as being a "tattle-tale."

Provide entertainment for the one being babysat as it helps your teen control the situation and develops a good regimen of fun to keep the child engaged.



Tips for Keeping Your Home Safe

Know your neighbors

Keep vacation dates off social media

Make use of timers

Lock all doors and windows

Keep garage doors closed at night

Have a reliable security system

Never keep anything inside your car even if its locked

Do not keep garage door openers in a car parked outside

If a guest's car or family member must park on the street for a short period of time, park at least 10 feet from a fire hydrant.

Be aware of your children's location before they leave the house and set boundaries.

Help children to familiarize themselves with their neighbors and identify whom they can go to for help.

Your child should know how to protect themselves when in the home alone. Locking all doors, windows, and ignoring strangers at the door can keep the household safe.

Tips for teen Babysitters continued;

One important aspect of babysitting is knowing what foods the child can and cannot eat. Your babysitter doesn't want to inadvertently cause an allergic reaction if he or she is preparing meals or snacks.

Most babysitting jobs can be negotiable when it comes to pay, but your child should have a basic idea of what his or her time is worth.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training is available at the Mason Community Center. Contact the Community Center for Dates.

Driving Guidelines for Neighborhoods

Driving safely is important any time you are behind the wheel of a car, whether you are in a parking lot or on a major highway. Residential areas require you to be even more careful because there are often children and other members of the neighborhood walking, playing and riding bikes. Many people are harmed or killed every year by people who are speeding or not paying attention when they drive through residential communities carelessly. Drive safely in a residential area by staying alert to your surroundings, obeying the speed limit and not getting distracted while you drive.

Go over these guidelines with inexperienced teen drivers.



HOA Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Mason Fire House on Mason Montgomery Rd.

As we continue to update homeowner's with newsletters, we would like to go green and post them on our website and social media. If you do not have access to either, we can email it to you or contact a Board Member and we can get you a hard copy if you do not use a computer.

Email president@ctehoa.com if you need an email copy from this point forward.



How to Keep Safe from Solicitors

Door-to-door solicitation has given burglars an excuse to go right up to your door, knock, meet you and even ask you questions about your life without you suspecting a thing.

Step Out and Shut the Door
Solicitors should not get a look inside your home.

Be aware of survey questions
These are questions burglars may ask to find out whether or not your home is worth returning to later, and when they can return to an empty house.

Use a Smart Doorbell

Remember one product is linked to another
Burglars posing as solicitors often sell a product linked to another, so they can determine what's already in your house. Never answer questions of what is in your house.

Ask most of the questions

Remember you don't have to answer

Don't say you live alone

