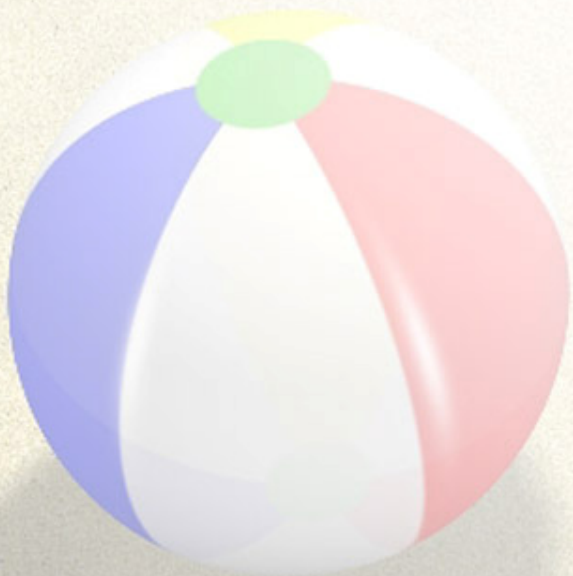




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# Don't Play in the Street!

The following play equipment is not permitted on roadways:

- Basketball hoops
- Street hockey goals
- Roller skates
- Skateboards and other toys

*Violations may result in criminal prosecution of any person who plays in or obstructs the roadway!*

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Motorized scooters, Gopeds, and Mopeds are allowed on the roadways but the following regulations apply:

- Operator must:
  - Be 16 years of age or older
  - Wear a DOT approved helmet
  - Wear eye protection or have an approved windshield
  - Obey all rules of the road
- Vehicle must:
  - Have functioning brakes when operated on the highway.
  - Have a red light or reflector mounted on the rear of the vehicle and a white light mounted on the front when operated after sunset.

# Be Safe On Your Bike

- Wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Obey rules of the road and traffic signs.
- Ride on the right side of the road.
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Use hand signals before turning.
- Register your bicycle according to Henrico County Code § Ch. 22, Section 22-342.



# Be Safe on the Roadways

- **Never drive under the influence (DUI) of any substance**
  - Remember: even taking some prescription drugs before you drive can endanger you and others.
- **Never leave children unattended in hot vehicles ...**
  - even with windows rolled down!
- **Don't become a Distracted Driver!**
  - Texting, cell phone use, and other distractions while driving such as unruly children or pets can kill you or others.
- **Watch for increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic.**
  - School's out so drive carefully!
- **Obey posted speed limits.**
- **Red means STOP!**
  - Obey traffic signals.
- **On long road trips, take frequent breaks, and don't drive if you are fatigued.**
  - Stop every two hours at a safe rest area to walk around and have a drink of water, coffee, or other refreshing soft drink.

# Be Safe at Home

- Never leave doors and windows open when you leave the house - even for a few minutes! When visiting neighbors, outdoors playing, gardening, or relaxing by the pool, always lock your doors and windows.
- Keep the area around your home well lit after dark.
- Use timers on lights and vary the timing.
- Keep sports equipment, bikes, and lawn and garden tools locked in a garage or tool shed.



# Be Safe on Vacation

- Stop the newspaper and mail delivery while away.
- Notify a trusted neighbor, and have them keep watch on your home.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash!
- Use traveler's checks and credit cards instead.
- At the hotel, guard your room key.
- Never open your hotel door to strangers.
- Secure valuables in a hotel safe.



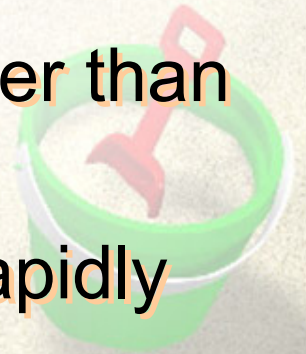
# Be Safe At the Water

- Accompany children to and from restrooms and vending areas.
- Know where children are at all times.
- Protect money and other valuables either by locking them in your vehicle's trunk or by keeping them with you at all times.
- Riverbanks may be slippery or may crumble causing accidental falls into the water use caution when standing on them.
- Empty "kiddy pools" when not in use.



# Be Safe In the Water

- Read and obey safety signs.
- Never swim alone.
- Never leave children unsupervised.
  - Supervision means constant visual contact not an occasional glance!
- Don't swim under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Don't run and dive into the water.
- Be aware that river currents are often stronger than they appear.
- Be aware that river conditions can change rapidly after rain.



# Be Safe On the Water

- Don't drink and drive!
  - It applies to boating as well as automobiles!
- Tell someone when and where you are going and when you will return.
- Use Coast Guard approved life jackets for yourself and passengers when boating or fishing.
- Obey posted signs.
- Watch the weather, and return to shore at the first sign of approaching bad weather.



# When Kids are Home Alone

Teach them to:

- Use 911 only in emergencies.
- Give directions to your home in case of an emergency.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Never let anyone in the house without permission.
- Never accept gifts or rides from people they don't know very well.

Teach them to:

- Never let someone at the door or on the phone know they are alone.
- Check in with you periodically or have them check in with a neighbor.
- Never to touch guns.
- Report any gun they find to a trusted adult.

