

Preparedness for emergencies and disasters, as well as the prevention of accidents is a serious concern of those who care for children in the home, at school, and in the community. Activities to promote safety/injury prevention can be incorporated in all PTA interests.

What PTA Can Do

- Encourage participation in the annual creation and/or review of the school's safety and emergency/disaster preparedness plans and share the plans with the membership and the community. Involve students in this process where appropriate.
- Become familiar with PTA publications that may be free or available for purchase from the California State PTA office. For California State PTA positions statements and resolutions refer to the *California State PTA Toolkit* at capta.org.
- Establish an ongoing working relationship with the school district and safety agencies within the community (i.e., local branches of the National Safe Kids Coalition and the National Safe Routes to Schools Partnership, local law enforcement and government agencies). Attend safety workshops/conferences and clinics.
- Cooperate with school authorities to inform the public of these programs.
- With the PTA program chairman, plan a safety program for at least one PTA meeting during the year. Secure guest speakers from community safety agencies. Make announcements and arrange displays, exhibits and posters at meetings.
- Sponsor parent-education safety awareness programs.
- Keep informed about all safety legislation in local, state, and federal government.
- Share all information with unit, council, district PTA and California State PTA.

Additional Resources

Insurance and Loss Prevention Guide, mailed annually to PTA presidents; www.knightinsurance.net

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California Safe Kids Coalition; www.usa.safekids.org
1301 Stockton Blvd., Room 4302, Sacramento, CA 95817

Crime and Prevention Center; www.safestate.org

California Attorney General's Office; <http://oag.ca.gov>
1300 I Street, Suite 1150, Sacramento, CA 95814

National Safety Council; www.nsc.org
421 North Michigan Ave., Chicago IL, 60611

Safe Routes to Schools National Partnership
www.saferoutespartnership.org

Automobile Club of Southern California;
www.aaa-calif.com
2601 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90007

California State Automobile Association; www.csaa.com
150 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102

American Red Cross; www.redcross.org

Local telephone directories – listings for first aid and/or survival guides

Federal Emergency Management Agency;
www.fema.gov

Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Sacramento;
www.oes.ca.gov

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