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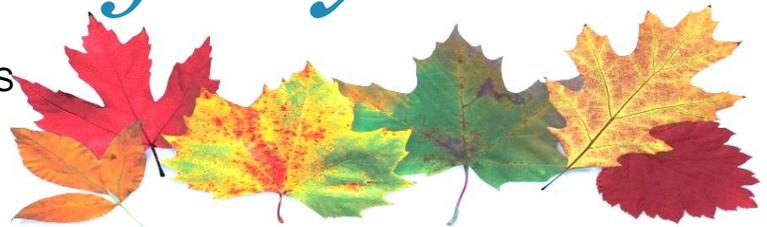
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Shelby Safety Net

PREPAREDNESS TIPS AND PRACTICES
TO KEEP YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR BUSINESS
AND COMMUNITY SAFE



Take Action to Prepare



This September, National Preparedness Month (NPM) will focus on planning, with the theme “**Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.**” We should all take action to prepare. We can help first responders in our communities by training to respond during an emergency and knowing what to do before disaster strikes – where we live, work, and visit. Don’t wait until the next emergency to prepare, start today!

Make an Emergency Plan. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes, so it’s important to learn what types of hazards could affect you in your area. Plan how you will contact your family and reconnect if separated. Choose a location as a family meeting place that’s familiar and easy to find.

Sign up for alerts and warnings in your area, such as HyperReach, the emergency notification system in Shelby County. There are weather related apps to download on your phone or purchase a NOAA weather radio. Learn your evacuation zone and have an evacuation plan.

Document your property and keep vital records in a safe place. Whether you are a homeowner, renter, or business owner, understand your insurance coverage and make sure you have enough coverage for relevant hazards. Plan financially for the possibility of disaster. Consider saving money in an emergency fund to use in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash in small bills on hand.

Check on your neighbors, especially the elderly and those with functional needs. Learn skills you need to help yourself and others until help can arrive. The people nearest in proximity to someone with life-threatening injuries are best positioned to provide first care. First care focuses on five essential actions, including moving someone away from ongoing danger, stopping life-threatening bleeding, positioning the injured so they can breathe, keeping them warm, and providing comfort. First care can contribute to saving a life. Source: <https://www.ready.gov/september>

September is National Preparedness Month

Battery Safety Tips from the Safe Kids Worldwide website...



Little ones love to explore and when they find something new, what's the first thing they do? Put it in their mouth. Electronic devices are getting smaller, slimmer, and sleeker. These devices include remote controls, calculators, watches, key fobs, flameless candles, and musical greeting cards. Kids love to pick them up, play with them, and take them apart exposing the dangerous button battery inside. Here are a few things to remember to make sure batteries stay where they belong.

- Keep devices with lithium batteries out of sight and out of reach of small children.
- If you suspect your child has ingested a battery, go to the hospital immediately. Do not induce vomiting or have your child eat or drink anything until assessed by a medical professional.
- Enter the National Battery Ingestion Hotline into your phone **(202-625-3333)**. Call anytime for additional treatment information.

If you'd like to learn more, click on these additional safety tips:

<https://www.safekids.org/tip/battery-safety-tips>

Find the Shelby Safety Net on-line at <http://co.shelby.oh.us/>



School Bus Safety Week – Oct 16-20, 2017

The year's theme for School Bus Safety week is **# Stop on Red.**

Getting ready for school – Encourage your children to put all items in a backpack so they aren't dropped, wear bright contrasting colors so that they are seen, and get to the bus stop five minutes early. Don't run after the school bus!

Walking to the bus stop – Walk your child or have them walk in groups to the bus stop. They will be easier to see by drivers. Walk on the sidewalk. If walking on the road, walk in single file, facing traffic, and stay close to the edge of the road. Stop and look left, right, and left again when crossing roads, alleys or driveways.

At the bus stop – Have the kids wait in a location where they can be seen. Don't stand in the street! Kids should stand 3 giant steps away from the curb as the bus approaches.

Getting on and off the bus – Follow the driver's instructions. When picking them up, wait for them on the side of the road where they are dropped off. Children can be so excited when they see you that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Source: <https://www.napt.org/>

Check Your Food Safety Steps

Forgetting about food safety is a recipe for disaster. Follow these four simple steps to keep you and your family safe from food poisoning at home:



Source: <https://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/basics/index.html>

Public Information: For more information about the Shelby County Safety Committee, please contact the Shelby County Commissioners Office, 129 E Court St, Sidney OH 45365, 937-498-7226.

The purpose of the Shelby County Safety Committee is to outline safety guideline requirements which will provide the basis for compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (PERRP/OSHA) Part 1910 – Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Code of Federal Regulations Title 29. To provide a mechanism to conduct self-audit evaluations to ensure the safety and health of site employees, and to provide a safe and healthful work environment.

Disasters don't
plan ahead.

You can.

Register with the
Shelby County Mass
Notification System by
phone or on-line. Call 937-

265-8400 or visit

<http://co.shelby.oh.us/>

to receive alerts and

warnings. Messages will
come via phone, text, or

both.



Fall back.

**Daylight savings ends
Sunday, November 5.**

**Check the operation of all
your smoke and CO detectors
and change the batteries
when you change your
clocks.**

Smoke detectors save lives.

**Request a smoke or CO
detector from:**

**Sidney Fire Station
937-498-2346**

**American Red Cross
937-332-1414**



Learn what to do when
you hear the smoke alarm