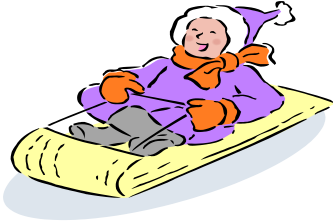


WATCHOUT



DELHI TOWNSHIP POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Winter 2008



Sled Riding Safety Tips:

Sled riding is a great way to have fun in the winter, but play it safe. Always remember these important safety tips:

Wear a helmet.

- Wear warm clothing – including heavy gloves and boots.
- Know how to stop your sled or make a sharp turn by dragging your feet.
- If your sled won't stop or if you are out of control, roll off your sled and onto the ground. Don't worry about your sled after you roll off. You can get it back after it stops sliding.
- Make sure your sled is in good condition and isn't broken. And always tell an adult if you have a crash.
- Only use the sled your parents or guardians gave you. Never use an inner tube, saucer or disk. You can get hurt because you can't steer them.
- Only sled ride when an adult is present.
- Never sled ride in the dark.

- Never ride a sled that is being pulled by a car, truck or ATV.
- Never sled ride in unsafe areas like the street, driveways, rocky hills or near a cliff.
- Never ride into a snow bank – the snow may hide a tree stump or rocks.
- Never sled ride when it is icy. Ice makes the sled go too fast. Plus, you can't steer or stop a sled when you're on ice.



For connection to community services, dial United Way 2-1-1, for emergency services call 911.

Callers can get or give help 24 hours a day, seven days a week by dialing 2-1-1 for connection to services that address issues in their daily lives such as health concerns, counseling, child care, help for an aging parent, employment issues, and much more.

United Way 211 is also the number to call for connection to hundreds of volunteer opportunities, including mentoring a child, repairing/rehabbing homes, serving as an educational guide, assisting individuals with disabilities, and much more based on their interests and skills. United Way 211 is free and confidential.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE!

Teach Your Children To:

- ✓ Use the telephone. Practice making emergency phone calls with them.
- ✓ Memorize their name, address, and phone number (including the area code).
- ✓ Walk confidently and stay alert to what's going on around them.
- ✓ Walk and play with friends, not alone.
- ✓ Refuse gifts or rides from someone they don't know well.
- ✓ Go to a store clerk or security guard for help if you become separated in a store or mall.
- ✓ Look out for other kids' safety and report anything that seems suspicious.
- ✓ Tell a parent if anyone touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Safety Skills For Children:

Cover the basics. Walk the neighborhood with your children. Show them safe places they can go to in an emergency (i.e.: a neighbor's house, a BLOCK parent, or an open store. Introduce them to all your neighbors.)

Check your neighborhood for areas that threaten a child's safety (i.e: brush in wooded areas, overgrown shrubbery, abandoned buildings, bad lighting, no sidewalks or bike paths next to busy streets.)

Make sure your children are taking the safest route to school and friend's houses. Test walk it together. Avoid danger spots such as new construction, poor lit areas and wooded areas.

For information on the Blockwatch Program Contact:

Lt. Jim Howarth or Sgt. Jeff Braun

(513) 922-0060

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:

Delhi Township residents can recycle their real Christmas trees on January 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Delhi Twp Senior Center located at 647 Neeb Road.

Just a Reminder....

- Real trees can pose a fire hazard. Each year, more than 400 residential fires involve Christmas trees and tragically nearly 40 deaths and approximately 100 injuries result from those fires.
- It's time to dispose of your tree when Christmas is over or when the tree starts to drop needles. Don't leave it in your house or put it in your garage.

CANDLE SAFETY TIPS:

Candles are actually a growing cause of fire. Every year people are killed and injured because they were careless with one.

Learn how to be careful with candles.

- ✓ Put them on a heat resistant surface.
- ✓ Put them in a proper holder.
- ✓ Position them away from curtains.
- ✓ Don't put them under shelves.
- ✓ Keep clothes and hair away from them.
- ✓ Keep children and pets away.
- ✓ Keep candles at least 4 inches apart.
- ✓ Don't move them while they are burning.
- ✓ Don't leave them burning. Extinguish candles before you leave the room. Never go to sleep with a candle still burning and never leave a burning candle or oil burner in a child's bedroom.
- ✓ Use a candle snuffer or spoon to put them out.
- ✓ Always double check to make sure they are out. (Candles that have been put out can go on smoldering and start a fire. Make sure they are completely out.)
- ✓ Take care with votive or scented candles. These kind turn to liquid to release their fragrance, so put them in a glass or metal holder.