

SAFETY MERIT BADGE

Prerequisites

1. Prepare a notebook:
 - a. Collect newspaper and other stories about accidents in the home.
 - b. Newspaper and other stories showing crime against families.
 - c. Facts about frequency of accidents and crimes happening to families.
 - d. Write a paragraph explaining how a serious event could change your family life by accident, fire, or crime.
 - e. List safe practices and safety devices you use in your family or around home or the car.
2. Do the following:
 - a. Do a safety audit and say what you can do:
 1. check the smoke detectors
 2. check carbon monoxide detectors
 3. check fire extinguishers
 4. are exits clear? (Doors and windows)
 5. Are cords in good condition and grounded properly?
 6. Are the premises clean and orderly?
 7. Are valuables recorded in a record and not readily available for all to see?
 8. Do you have emergency information and a trusted family member's number handy?
 9. Are matches and poisonous cleaners properly put away?
 10. Are candles always put out when you leave the room?
 11. Are tools and ladders in good repair?
 - b. Do you have a fire escape plan? Develop one with your parents.
3. Pick two family activities and plan an accident prevention program for them. It can be for a trip for instance or camping or driving.
4. Pick another project you want to take on and tell me your plan in writing about safety. It can be for your home, school, church, or community.