



# Safety and Security enews

*Safety is our  
Number 1 Priority!*

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## Triple the Effort to Make Teens and Seat Belts Click

While a statewide survey released in September showed more teens are buckling their seat belts than ever before -- 61 percent in 2007 compared to 58 percent in 2006 -- the number is still well below the 77 percent usage rate for all Missourians. Unfortunately, hundreds of Missouri teens are killed or injured every year in traffic crashes and the large majority of those killed are not wearing a seat belt.

Of the 153 teens killed in traffic crashes in 2006, 73 percent were not buckled

up. Missouri's Graduated Driver License law requires safety belt use for teens and their passengers.

"Enforcement and education can work together to get the message across to teens that buckling up is a life-saving action that needs to become a habit," said Leanna Depue, chair of the executive committee for the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety.

The law enforcement crackdown is coupled

with several statewide projects that also focus on teen seat belt use.

For more information, please visit:

[www.savemolives.com/](http://www.savemolives.com/)



Buckle Up to Arrive Alive

## Seatbelt Checkpoints at Liberty Schools

On October 5th, the Liberty Public School District, along with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Liberty Police Department conducted child restraint and seatbelt enforcement checks at school sites around the district.. Twenty-seven violations were found.

There are many ways to show your children you love them. One important way is to make sure they are buckled into a safety seat or seat belt every time they are in a vehicle. Take a look in the rearview mirror. Is your child using a seat belt? If not, why not? Remember: Chil-

dren learn what they live. Set the example. Buckle up. Seat belt use is a habit that could save your child's life.



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## October Is Crime Prevention Month

Liberty Public Schools and the Missouri State Highway Patrol join the National Crime Prevention Council in observing October 2007 as National Crime Prevention Month. It is always smart to keep safety in mind, no matter where you are. Missourians can help decrease crime with these simple habits: Anticipate potential crime situations; Recognize when there is a problem; and, Take action to remove or reduce the risk of a crime occurring.

\* Teach your children how to use the telephone properly in an emergency

situation.

\* Make sure your children know their name, address, phone number, and your work number.

\* Teach your children to walk and play with friends, not alone.

\* Tell your children to refuse rides or gifts from someone they don't know well.

\* Teach your children to tell a trusted adult immediately if anyone, even a teacher or close relative, touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.

\* Remind your children to leave the door locked if

they are home alone.

They shouldn't answer the door if you're not there.

\* Teach your children to never tell anyone they are home alone, especially over the phone.

Parents are encouraged to listen to their children's worries and problems. Talk to them. Make sure you know where your children are going, who they will be with, and when they will return. Know their friends' names and phone numbers.

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## Halloween Tips

Halloween should be a fun holiday for children. Following are some tips for parents in helping make it a safe evening.

1. Make sure your trick-or-treaters keep safety in mind when they are out and about. They should approach only houses they are familiar with and that have turned on outside lights. Emphasize to your children that they should never enter a stranger's house or car for any reason. Parents are encouraged to accompany small children on their Halloween adventure.

Make sure older children stay with a group when collecting treats.

2. Halloween isn't just for kids! Add some fun to your evening by accompanying your small children as they trick-or-treat. Perhaps you're brave enough to dress up. It will be fun for you and safer for them. Remember to make costumes short enough to prevent tripping and choose materials that are flame-retardant. Light-colored costumes are suggested, because they are easier for motorists to see. If your child

has a dark costume, add reflective tape.

3. If you're driving on Halloween, slow down and stay alert. Excited trick-or-treaters may not look for vehicles on the street. They may dash out in front of you on their way to the next house. Many parents will take their children trick-or-treating. Be aware of changes in the normal traffic pattern and please be a courteous driver. Use your turn signal and don't speed! Help keep Halloween a safe, fun holiday.



**INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT!**

It's... **ON-LINE!**

**Cyber Bullies!**

**Identity Thieves!**

**Online Predators!**

**South Valley Junior High**  
Liberty, MO

**Oct. 23, 2007**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Learn about the best resources to help keep your family safe!

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**  
**Chris Pickering**, Chief Investigator, Missouri Attorney General's Office, will share information and answer questions about Internet safety.

- Plus other speakers:
- **John Wood**, US Attorney, Western District of Missouri
  - **Det. Andy Anderson**, Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force
  - **Lou Ann Stovall**, FBI Kansas City, Cyber Crimes Task Force
  - **Lt. Joe Laramie** of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Glendale Police Department

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And you can always contact [isn@more.net](mailto:isn@more.net) for help or more information.

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## Junior Fire Cadet Program Underway

Several Liberty 8th and 9th graders from both junior high schools are participating in a year-long junior fire cadet program co-sponsored by Liberty Public Schools and the Liberty Fire Department.

Students will be participating in textbook learning as well as hands on activities during the year, which will give them insight into what a

career in firefighting is all about.

Classes meet each Wednesday after school and are led by Fire Chief Gary Birch and Deputy Chief Mike Snider.

Throughout the year, students will learn everything from fire chemistry to how to perform low-visibility search-and-rescue operations.



Chief Birch teaches the cadets how to operate their gear.

## Project Respect

is a free, live multi-media event that presents timely information about how poor decisions have a dramatic and life-changing impact on entire families and those around them.



**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 ■ 7:15pm ■ South Valley Middle School**

South Valley Middle School: 1000 Midjay Drive, Liberty

**Complimentary Rancho Grande Dinner at 6:00pm**

**Free Community Presentations**

**Something for everyone**

**Project Respect: Adults & 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Synergy Services, Inc.: 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Steve Otto, Professional Story Teller: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Younger**

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