



Safety Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Safety merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/safety/safety-pamphlet.pdf>

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/safety/safety-cpp.pdf>

REQUIREMENTS 2a and 6 REQUIRE COUNSELOR APPROVAL.

REQUIREMENTS 1a and 1b REQUIRE PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION.

REQUIREMENTS 3b and 4 (two parts) STRONGLY RECOMMEND PARENT / GUARDIAN CONFIRMATION.

REQUIREMENT 1: Explain what safety is and what it means to be safe.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 1a: Prepare a notebook to include:

- Newspaper, internet (with parent or guardian's permission), or other articles, facts, and statistics showing common types and causes of injuries in the home and in the workplace, and how these injuries could be prevented.
- Newspaper, internet (with parent or guardian's permission), or other articles, facts, and statistics showing common types of crime and ways to avoid being a crime victim.
- A paragraph or more, written by you, explaining how a serious fire, accident, crime, or a natural disaster could change your family life.
- A list of safe practices and safety devices currently used by your family, such as safety practices used at home, while working, and while driving.

PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ permission

This exceptionally large part of the requirement does not require any workbook entry

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR COMPLETED NOTEBOOK - BE PREPARED!



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Sample Home Safety Checklist

Check safety steps that are being taken in your home. Write N/A if the item is not applicable. Items left blank may present a safety hazard. This list provides some sample safety steps you might take. See your Safety Merit Badge pamphlet and counselor for more information. Ask your parent or guardian before making any changes

Stairways, Halls, and Outdoor Steps

- ☐ Stairways with three or more steps have a strong handrail.
- ☐ Stairs/halls are kept free from boxes, toys, brooms, tools, etc.
- ☐ Gates at top and bottom of stairs prevent children from falling.
- ☐ The head and foot of stairs have no small or loose rugs.
- ☐ Stair carpeting or covering is fastened securely.
- ☐ Stairways & halls have good lighting, controllable at each end.

Kitchen

- ☐ Matches are kept where children cannot get them.
- ☐ Knives & sharp instruments are kept in knife drawers or holder.
- ☐ Can openers don't leave sharp edges on cans.
- ☐ Disinfectants & cleaning products are out of reach of children.
- ☐ Pan handles are turned away from stove edges.
- ☐ Spilled grease, water, or bits of food are wiped up immediately.
- ☐ Pot holders are within easy reach.
- ☐ A fire extinguisher is mounted near the stove.

Bathroom

- ☐ Tub and shower are equipped with strong handholds.
- ☐ Tub floor has non-slip surface.
- ☐ Poisons are marked, sealed shut, and out of reach of children.
- ☐ Medicines are out of reach of children in childproof containers.
- ☐ No one takes medicine in the dark.

Living Room and Dining Room

- ☐ Furniture is placed to allow easy passage in an emergency.
- ☐ Before bedtime, furniture placement is checked for orderliness.
- ☐ Furniture and woodwork solid, in good repair, and free from.
- ☐ Fireplace screen fits snugly.
- ☐ Rugs are fastened or laid on non-slip pads.
- ☐ Rugs are kept from curling at their edges.
- ☐ Wax on floors is thoroughly buffed.
- ☐ Fire in fireplace is extinguished at bedtime.
- ☐ Candles are in stable holders and fully extinguished after use.

Bedroom

- ☐ Smoke alarm has fresh battery or electrical connection & is tested regularly.
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detector has fresh battery or electrical connection and is tested regularly.
- ☐ Furniture placement for clear passage between bed and door.
- ☐ Light switch or lamp is within easy reach from bed.
- ☐ A night-light illuminates bedroom or hall.
- ☐ Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use.
- ☐ Bar across bunk beds helps prevent falls.
- ☐ Children are taught not to lean against windows or screens.
- ☐ Sturdily screen low windows to prevent children from falling.
- ☐ Smoking in bed is prohibited.
- ☐ Gas and electric heating devices are turned off at bedtime.

Nursery

- ☐ Bars on cribs are closely spaced.
- ☐ Crib is approved by Consumer Products or similar.
- ☐ Crib is free from sharp edges or corners.
- ☐ Sleeping garments and covers keep baby warm without danger of smothering.
- ☐ Pillows are kept out of bassinet or crib.
- ☐ No thin, plastic material is in or near the crib.
- ☐ Children are taught not to give marbles, etc. to younger children.
- ☐ Toys are sturdy & have no sharp edges.
- ☐ Nontoxic paint is used on baby furniture and toys.
- ☐ All houseplants are nonpoisonous.

Stoves, Furnaces, and Heaters

- ☐ Stoves are away from curtains.
- ☐ Stoves & furnaces are inspected & cleaned annually.
- ☐ Gas burners are properly adjusted and free from leaks.
- ☐ Gas water and space heaters are equipped with vents or flues.
- ☐ Water heater or boiler has a safety valve & is checked yearly.
- ☐ Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts.
- ☐ Insulating shield protects woodwork within 18" of furnace, etc.
- ☐ Keep flammable materials away from stoves, furnaces, etc.
- ☐ A wrench is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line.

Attic and Basement

- ☐ Ladder is strong, solid, and sturdily constructed.
- ☐ Stairway is sturdy and well lit.
- ☐ Walls and beams are free from protruding nails.
- ☐ Fuses or circuit breakers are the proper size.
- ☐ Rubbish & flammable materials are in covered metal cans.
- ☐ Wastepaper is kept away from furnace and stairs.

Porch, Yard, and Garage

- ☐ Railings and banisters are sound and inspected periodically.
- ☐ Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow.
- ☐ Yard/play space are free from holes, stones, glass, etc.
- ☐ Tools and dangerous articles are out of reach of children.
- ☐ Dangerous products & chemicals are kept in original containers in locked storage areas.
- ☐ Wires and low fences are brightly painted or clearly marked.
- ☐ Wells, cisterns, and pits are kept securely covered.
- ☐ Disposable materials are not burned outside.
- ☐ An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons, etc.
- ☐ Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards.

Workshop

- ☐ Good ventilation exists, especially when sanding.
- ☐ Safety goggles and/or face mask are available, with eyewash.
- ☐ Baking soda is kept handy to neutralize acid burns.
- ☐ All electrical tools are either three-wire or double-insulated.
- ☐ Work area is well lit & free of clutter, scraps, and rags.
- ☐ All tools have a place & are in their place.
- ☐ Guards are in place on all power tools.
- ☐ A push stick is available for use with power saws.

Electrical Devices and Fixtures

- ☐ Electrical fixtures and appliances are protected by a ground-fault interrupter.
- ☐ Do not touch electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands.
- ☐ Disconnect seldom-used appliances when not in use.
- ☐ All pull-type sockets have an insulating link.
- ☐ Household appliances are disconnected before repairs.
- ☐ Unused, open, screw-type sockets are plugged closed.
- ☐ Frayed or worn electric cords are promptly replaced.
- ☐ Long trailing cords are not in evidence.
- ☐ Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors, and furniture.
- ☐ UA-approved extension cords are the proper size.
- ☐ Children are taught never to touch electric sockets or fixtures.
- ☐ Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed.
- ☐ Circuit breakers are not overloaded.

General

- ☐ At least one smoke detector in each bedroom & garage.
- ☐ Everything has a place and is in its place.
- ☐ Stepladders are in good repair and stored out of the way.
- ☐ Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened.
- ☐ Guns are stored unloaded and in locked cases.
- ☐ Guns and ammunition are stored separately.
- ☐ Children are permitted to use only blunt-end scissors.
- ☐ Housework clothing has no drooping sleeves, sashes, or frills.
- ☐ Shoes worn for housework have low heels.
- ☐ All shoes are in good repair.
- ☐ Kerosene, gasoline, and other volatile materials are stored outside in special, clearly marked metal containers.
- ☐ Rags, mops, painting equipment, and other oily materials are stored outside in open metal containers.
- ☐ Everyone turns on a light before entering a dark room.
- ☐ Matches are extinguished before they're thrown away.
- ☐ Children are never permitted to play with matches.
- ☐ Fire extinguishers are readily available.

For Emergency

- ☐ Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.).
- ☐ Be able to find water, gas, & electric shutoffs. Check annually.
- ☐ First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross.
- ☐ Know basic first aid procedures.
- ☐ Have a fire escape plan from your home.
- ☐ Emergency water supply.
- ☐ Handheld flashlights readily available.



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REQUIREMENT 2a: Using a safety checklist approved by your counselor, make an inspection of your home. Identify any hazards found and explain how these can be corrected.

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 2b:

Review and develop your family's fire prevention plan. Review your family's emergency action plan for fire in your home. As you develop these plans with family members, share with them facts about the common causes of fire in the home, such as smoking, cooking, electrical appliances, and candles.

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FACTS ABOUT THE COMMON CAUSES OF FIRE IN THE HOME:

Smoking:

Cooking:

Electrical Appliances:

Candles:



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REQUIREMENT 2c: Develop a family emergency action plan for a natural disaster.

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 2d: Explain what risk assessment is and its purpose.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 2e: Explain the Scouting America's Commitment to Safety.

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 3a: Discuss with your counselor how you contribute to the safety of yourself, your family, and your community.

Yourself:

Your Family:

Your Community:



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REQUIREMENT 3b: Show your family members how to protect themselves and your home from accidents, fire, burglary, robbery, and assault.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFIRMATION

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date

☐

*completed home portion
of Requirement 3b*

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 3c: Discuss with your counselor the tips for online safety. Explain the steps individuals can take to help prevent identity theft.

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 3d: Discuss with your counselor the three R's of Youth Protection and how to recognize child abuse.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 4: Show your family the exits you would use from different public buildings (such as a theater, municipal building, library, supermarket, shopping center, or your place of worship) in the event of an emergency.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFIRMATION

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ *completed first half family
portion of Requirement 4*

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 4: Teach your family what to do in the event that they need to take shelter in or evacuate a public place.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFIRMATION

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date

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*completed second half family
portion of Requirement 4*

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 5: Make an emergency action plan for five family activities outside the home (at your place of worship, at a theater, on a picnic, at the beach, and while traveling, for example). Each plan should include an analysis of possible hazards, proposed action to correct hazards, and reasons for the correction you propose in each plan.

Consider the following items while working on Requirement 5

Road Safety – driving, biking, hiking

Health Safety – AEDs, choking, basic first aid, health alerts

Public Safety – emergency contacts and services available / not available

Food Safety – allergies, water, food alerts

Personal Safety – buddy up, secure valuables, stay alert



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FAMILY ACTIVITY #1:

Family Activity Summary:

Possible Hazards:

Proposed Actions to Correct Hazards:

Reasons for the Proposed Corrections:



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FAMILY ACTIVITY #2:

Family Activity Summary:

Possible Hazards:

Proposed Actions to Correct Hazards:

Reasons for the Proposed Corrections:



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FAMILY ACTIVITY #3:

Family Activity Summary:

Possible Hazards:

Proposed Actions to Correct Hazards:

Reasons for the Proposed Corrections:



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FAMILY ACTIVITY #4:

Family Activity Summary:

Possible Hazards:

Proposed Actions to Correct Hazards:

Reasons for the Proposed Corrections:



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FAMILY ACTIVITY #5:

Family Activity Summary:

Possible Hazards:

Proposed Actions to Correct Hazards:

Reasons for the Proposed Corrections:



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REQUIREMENT 6: Plan and complete a safety project approved by your counselor for your home, school, place of worship, place of employment, or community.

Safety Project Name and Location:

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ *approved*

Notes:



REQUIREMENT 7: Explain what the National Terrorism Advisory System is.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 7: Explain how you would respond to each type of (National Terrorism Advisory System) alert.

Elevated Alert:

Imminent Alert:



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REQUIREMENT 8: Learn about three career opportunities in the field of safety.

Career Opportunity #1:

Career Opportunity #2:

Career Opportunity #3:

REQUIREMENT 8: Pick one career and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this choice with your counselor.

Selected Career Opportunity:

Education Requirements:

Training Requirements:

Experience Requirements:

REQUIREMENT 8: Explain why this profession might interest you.

Notes: