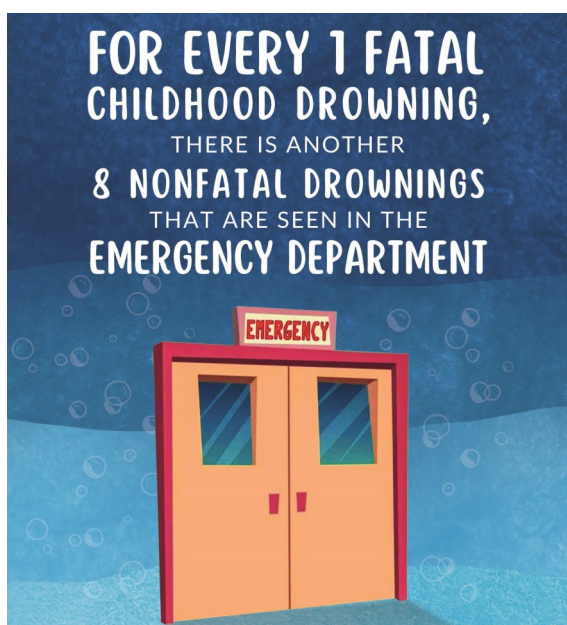


Water Safety Month



CLASSES & SERVICES safekidscolumbusga.org

Safe Sleep Class: includes a new portable crib for eligible parents.

Requires Program Application:

[CLASSES & SERVICES \(safekidscolumbusga.org\)](http://CLASSES & SERVICES (safekidscolumbusga.org))

Upcoming dates:

Apr 29 • July 8 • Aug 5



Bike Safety Month



Car Seat Class: includes a new car seat for eligible parents.

Requires Program Application:

[CLASSES & SERVICES \(safekidscolumbusga.org\)](http://CLASSES & SERVICES (safekidscolumbusga.org))

Upcoming dates:

May 13 • July 22 • Aug 19



Partner Spotlight



Georgia
Power

For more than a century, it's been our pleasure to power the state of Georgia. But more than being an energy provider to the people and businesses of our state, our calling is to be "*a Citizen Wherever We Serve.*"

We want the communities we power to thrive, and our company, our employees, and our retirees are committed to empowering our communities and making Columbus and the state of Georgia, the best place in the country to live, work, and do business.

Tiny Batteries, Big Risk

If swallowed, button batteries can cause internal injuries in as little as two hours.





CAR SEAT
CHECKUPS



ULTIMATE CAR
SEAT GUIDE



LATEST
RECALLS



BE A WATER
WATCHER



SAFE INFANT
SLEEP



PARENT PEP TALK
PODCAST

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

May

**Water &
Bike Safety Month**

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**Fire Dept
Open House**

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**Ride With
Mayor**

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**Spring
Truck-Tacular**

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13

**Car Seat
Online
Class**

**Bike To
Work**

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**Button
Batteries
Outreach
Week**

**Ride of
Silence**

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**Midtown
Bike
Around**

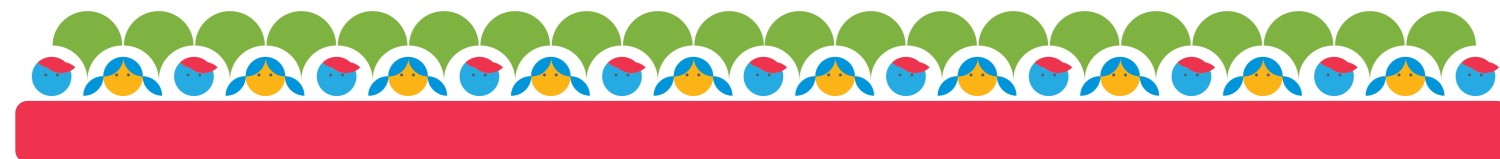
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Upcoming Events

Columbus
BIKE MONTH
MAY

06 16	<i>RIDE WITH THE MAYOR</i> Tuesday, May 6, 6 pm Broadway (1100 Block Stage)	21 29	<i>RIDE OF SILENCE</i> Wednesday, May 21, 6 pm Woodruff Park
	<i>BIKE TO WORK DAY</i> Friday, May 16, 7-9 am Iron Bank Coffee Co.		<i>MIDTOWN BIKE AROUND</i> Thursday, May 29, 6 pm Dinglewood Park & Jarfly
BicycleColumbus.org BicycleColumbus			



NEW VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT - BOACH Ambassadors

Our new Bill and Olivia Amos Children's Hospital (BOACH)

The 30-bed, five-story facility in Columbus expands Piedmont's ability to provide high-quality care to children from birth to age 18 across west Georgia, east Alabama and the surrounding areas.

dedicated, pediatric-trained care team allows parents to take comfort in knowing their child is receiving quality care. Areas of specialty include pediatric surgery, pediatric intensive care, pediatric hospitalists,

child life services, pediatric infusion services, pediatric endocrinology and pediatric neurology. Pediatric emergency services are provided at the nearby Midtown hospital.

The project will be completed in phases with ongoing development of the facility as we grow.

Ground Floor/Main Entrance— Main lobby, outdoor garden, interactive video wall, donor wall, history wall and walking path that'll run outside patient discharge up to the Midtown Campus

First Floor— Patient Discharge, Ultrasound and Diagnostic Imaging Suite, Riverwoods Café, outdoor playground and multipurpose activity room that'll serve as a conferencing and play area

Second Floor— Connection corridor and support staff offices

Fifth Floor— Pediatric Inpatient Unit featuring traditional and four semi-private rooms as well as three isolation rooms, two behavioral safe rooms, six-bed Intermediate Care Unit,

five-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, lactation room, children's playroom, family lounge space and a food pantry

Some of the volunteer duties are:

- You are the first person our guests and families will see when they enter the building
- greeting guests
- escorting guest to the Nursing unit
- providing directions to and from the Midtown campus
- accepting donated items

Please contact Nancy for more information at
Nancy.Williams@piedmont.org or 706.571.1484



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Get Ready For Water Safety!

WATER SAFETY FOR AGES 1-4

DROWNING KILLS MORE CHILDREN THIS AGE THAN ANY OTHER INJURY OR HEALTH CONDITION.



NUMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Drowning is the single leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 in the US. On average, more than 400 children ages 1-4 fatally drown each year.



DANGERS AROUND THE HOME

Most toddler drownings occur in pools, spas, or natural water around the home, with 70% of those happening during non-swim times.



NON-FATAL DROWNING

For every child who dies from drowning, another 7 or 8 receive emergency care for non-fatal submersion injuries, many of which require hospitalization.



DANGERS IN THE HOME

Drowning in standing water remains a significant risk in the home for toddlers, such as in bathtubs, buckets, toilets, & sinks.

THESE NUMBERS DEMONSTRATE HOW CRUCIAL IT IS TO TAKE WATER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & PRACTICE THE 5 LAYERS OF PROTECTION TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DROWNING.

IN THE HOME WATER SAFETY CHECKLIST

Ensuring the safety of your home environment is crucial for preventing potential water-related accidents involving young children. Here are some quick checks you can do at your home to keep your loved ones safer.

BATHROOM SAFETY

- ☐ **Secure Toilet Lids:** Install toilet lid locks and be sure to consistently re-latch them to prevent access by young children.
- ☐ **Bathroom Door Locks:** Keep safety locks on all bathroom doors securely latched to prevent unsupervised access.
- ☐ **Supervised Bath Time:** Always remain present, close, and attentive with children during bath time. Never leave them unattended.
- ☐ **Toy Storage:** Immediately put away all bath toys after use. Ensure no toys are left in or near the bathtub or toilet to avoid attracting children back to the water.
- ☐ **Drain Unused Water:** Make it a routine to drain all sinks, bathtubs, and any containers with water immediately after use. You can even teach your kids how to open the drain at the end of bath time!

HOME ENTRY POINTS

- ☐ **Safety Locks:** Install safety locks that are out of reach of young children. Locks can be placed on doors and windows leading to outdoor areas, especially those with pools, ponds, or other water features nearby.
- ☐ **Door and Window Alarms:** Install alarms on doors and windows that alert you via chime or that send an alert to your phone. Regular maintenance for these is necessary. Check and change batteries regularly and ensure that no corrosion has taken place on your units.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ **Emergency Plan:** Regularly review and update your displayed emergency plan, ensuring it is easily accessible and understood by all household members.
- ☐ **Contact Information:** Keep a list of emergency contact information, including phone numbers for local emergency services, poison control, and a trusted neighbor or relative, in a prominent and accessible location.
- ☐ **First Aid and CPR:** Ensure that all adult members of the household are trained in first aid and CPR, equipping them with the skills to respond effectively in case of an emergency.

Remember to regularly communicate with children about the dangers of water and establish clear rules for water use inside and outside the home.

Walking through these steps can significantly reduce the risk of accidental drownings or water-related injuries. Stay vigilant and make water safety a priority in your home!

Discuss and follow all 5 Layers of Protection. Visit [NPDA.org/layers](https://www.npdpa.org/layers) for additional information.



WATER SAFETY FOR AGES 5-14

DROWNING IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF UNINTENTIONAL INJURY-RELATED DEATH IN THIS AGE GROUP.



DANGERS OUTSIDE OF THE HOME

As school-aged kids get older, they are more likely to drown in natural water, such as a pond or lake.



COMPARING THE NUMBERS

Among those 1-14, drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury-related death behind motor vehicle crashes.



YEARLY DROWNING FATALITIES

There are more than 200 drowning deaths each year among children ages 5-14.



IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING WATER COMPETENCY

59% of children between the ages 5-14 who drowned reportedly knew how to swim.

THESE STATISTICS REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER COMPETENCY INCLUDING BASIC SWIM SKILLS, BARRIERS, AND PARENTAL SUPERVISION TO PREVENT TRAGIC INCIDENTS AND ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN ALL AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS.

WATER SAFETY TIPS

- Enroll children in high-quality swim lessons that include water safety skills, learning how to float and tread water.
- Take classes to learn first aid and CPR with rescue breaths.
- Consider door alarms or personal alarms for younger children to alert pool access during non-swim times.
- Actively supervise children during swim times. Water Watchers and lifeguards should be close, constant, and capable.
- Have children wear brightly colored swimsuits.
- Use U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation devices when in and around natural water or while boating.
- Educate children on the importance of staying out of the pool during non-swim times.
- For younger children, remove toys or tripping hazards in and around the pool/spa area.
- For younger children, remove any climbable objects near the pool gates and fences.



SCAN TO LEARN THE 5 LAYERS OF PROTECTION

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Safe Kids Columbus in the Community



**JOIN THE MC30
FOR A FREE EVENT!**

When?
Saturday, April 12, 2025

Where?
Woodruff Park
1000 Bay Ave

Time?
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

What?
Vendors, Community Resources,
Project Lifesaver, Bouncy Houses,
Autism Car, Games, LEO Vehicles,
Food, and Fun!

QUESTIONS? muscosherriff@columbusga.org






MATERNAL WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

JOIN US!

APRIL 12, 2025
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

VFW POST 665
1824 VICTORY DR.
COLUMBUS, GA 31901

Event Highlights

- GIVEAWAYS!
- FRESH PRODUCE!
- RESOURCES!
- GAME TRUCK!



 **CareSource**

