

Sykesville Police Department
Summer 2008 Newsletter Article

Summer will soon be here. Schools will be closed in our community and our parks and streets will see an increase of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Summer is a time when our hours of daylight are longer and a time of year to enjoy the outdoors. With that said, the Sykesville Police Department would like to assist every family in making this a "SAFE SUMMER".

We can accomplish this together by working towards a common goal. That goal is "SAFETY". We can begin by driving and operating our vehicles in a safe fashion:

- DRIVE the speed limit
- STOP at the Stop Sign
- YIELD to pedestrians, and
- ALWAYS look out for CHILDREN in or near the road. LOOK AHEAD, observe if there are children playing in their yards or near the street.

IF THEY DART IN FRONT OF YOU, *COULD YOU STOP?*

As parents, *know* where your children are and *whom* they are with. Have the names and phone numbers of their friends; meet their parents. Take time to talk with your children. Share with them State and local laws that are in place for their safety.

Below are the Town Ordinances you should be aware of:

1. PROTECTIVE HELMET ORDINANCE

This ordinance covers everyone, including adults, who may ride a bike, skateboard or wheeled device. This ordinance was put into place to prevent and reduce traumatic brain injuries.

2. CURFEFW ORDINANCE

No minor shall be out in a public place between the hours of midnight and 6:00 am, on any day of the week.

3. PARKS

Parks are open from dawn until dusk.

These are just a few of the laws and ordinances the Town has in place that will enable us to have a safer community.

Please visit the Town's website to learn more about the ordinances mentioned above and much more: www.sykesville.net

REMINDER: Planning a vacation? Going out of Town? Contact your Police Department and have them offer suggestions on making your home safer in your absence. In addition, we can check your home and property while away.

If you would like more information, please go to our website or call (410) 795-0757.

www.sykesville.net/police

CITIZEN AND POLICE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY