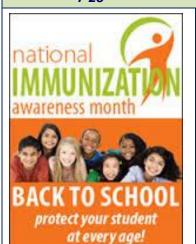


# **Safety Tidbits**

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Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. -Abraham Lincoln



Immunization is one of the most successful public health initiatives.

- -Each year, immunization averts an estimated 2-3 million deaths from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and measles life-threatening diseases for children.
- -Immunization was instrumental in eradicating smallpox.
- -In 2011, an estimated 83% of infants worldwide were vaccinated with the three doses of the vaccine required to immunize against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3 vaccine). These three diseases are potentially fatal for children under 5.
  -Between 2000 and 2011, vaccination resulted in a 71% drop in measles deaths worldwide.

Get more facts at: www.who.int/features/qa/84/en/

What did one Sushi say to the other?

WASAB!!

## **Build on your Successes**

Every day without an injury or accident is a success. It starts when each employee makes a commitment to safety. We must all choose to make safety a core personal value. It cannot simply be a priority – we all know priorities change. Doing the right thing is not always easy but it is always Right. Challenge yourself to Stand Up and Speak Out for Safety whenever you see a safety concern. Finding a deficiency or witnessing an unsafe act is your OPPORTUNITY to make a positive impact in somebody's life. Like the folks at Nike say, 'Just Do It!'

#### A few Facts about Immunizations

- -In the past 60 years, vaccines helped eradicate one disease (Smallpox) and are close to eradicating another (Polio).
- -Most diseases prevented by vaccines are no longer common in the United States. If vaccines weren't used, just a few cases could quickly turn into hundreds of thousands.
- -Not all vaccines are given as shots some administered orally.
- -Vaccines helped reduce measles deaths globally by 78% between 2000 and 2008.
- -New or improved vaccines are currently being developed for HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases. Researchers estimate that a viable malaria vaccine could be ready for children in the developing world as early as 2015.

Learn more about the 16 diseases that can be prevented with vaccines, as well as the benefits and risks of vaccination. http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/fact-sheet-parents.html

### **Back to School Safety**

**Pedestrian Tips** - Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of death in the United States for children ages 5 to 14, according to data presented on www.safekids.org. Many children walk to and from school, and it's crucial that they understand that safety practices for walking are just as important as those for riding on a school bus or in a car.

To prevent pedestrian injuries, children can follow some simple guidelines:

- Always cross streets at corners where there are traffic signals and designated crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Always look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Be aware of cars that are turning or backing up.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.

**Tips for Motorists** - The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.

- **STOP!** All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- **Be alert!** Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- Never pass a school bus on the right! It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

#### **Anyway**

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; *Love Them Anyway*. If you do good people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; **Do Good Anyway**. People really need help but may attack you if you help them; *Help People Anyway*.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies; Succeed Anyway.

Give the world your best and you will get kicked in the teeth; *Give The World Your Best Anyway!* From a sign on the wall in the Calcutta Children's Home founded by Mother Teresa.

There is never a wrong time to do the Right Thing!