

Preparedness for emergencies and disasters, as well as the prevention of accidents, is a serious concern of those who care for children in the home, at school, and in the community. Activities to promote safety/injury prevention can be incorporated in all PTA interests.

**What PTA Can Do**

- Encourage participation in the annual creation and/or review of the school's safety and emergency/disaster preparedness plans and share the plans with the membership and the community. Involve students in this process where appropriate.
- Refer to current California State PTA positions statements and resolutions on the website.
- Establish an ongoing working relationship with the school district and safety agencies within the community (i.e., local branches of the National Safe Kids Coalition and the National Safe Routes to Schools Partnership, local law enforcement and government agencies). Attend safety workshops/conferences and clinics.
- Cooperate with school authorities to inform the public of these programs.
- With the PTA Program Chair, plan a safety program for at least one PTA meeting during the year. Secure guest speakers from community safety agencies. Make announcements and arrange displays, exhibits and posters at meetings.
- Sponsor parent-education safety awareness programs.
- Keep informed about all safety legislation in local, state, and federal government.
- Share all information with unit, council, district PTA and California State PTA.

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