

Outreach Report
Safety Town
Wednesday July 28th

Division:
Nursing/Administrative

Participating Staff:

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Anticipated Outcome: Provide seat belt safety and hand washing.

Description of event: Safety town is attended every year by employees of the Galion City Health Department and is coordinated through the Galion City Police and Galion City Schools. Every year safety and health education is provided to students attending safety town. During the 2021 Safety Town held at the Galion City Schools Buckle Bear and Glo Germ educational demonstrations were presented by the Galion City Health Department along with other health and safety activities such as street safety.



Buckle Bear is an educational program on Seat Belt safety. The children are taught the song “I like my seat belt safe and snug, around my hips like a big bear hug. I make it ‘click’ so the driver will know, I’m buckled up and ready to go.” The children help Buckle Bear remember to wear his seat belt during a skit when Buckle Bear gets in his “car.” A demonstration chair is used with a seat belt installed. The children then are given the opportunity to use the demonstration seat to practice buckling. The children are then given a sticker, coloring sheet and Good Passenger Award.



Glo Germ is a presentation where the children are taught to wash their hands thoroughly by putting “germs” on their hands. The germs is the application of a special lotion or dust that will glow under a black light. After the application of the ‘germs,’ the children are instructed to wash their hands. After washing they then place their hands under a backlight to see the places they missed. Children enjoy this education activity and often wash their hands multiple times excited to see the germs disappear.



In what ways can outreach be improved? To improve the Safety Town activities is it important to review the educational materials on an annual basis. Revise materials to make the activities applicable and exciting to the audience. Consider giveaways.

