JANUARY is noted for cold, wintry weather and the warmth of firewood is often welcome. When using a chain saw to cut the firewood remember that the chain saw is the most dangerous hand tool that can be purchased on the open market. Never work alone, always be aware of your surroundings, and wear protective gear.
Think Safety First
Don't Be A Stranger to Electrical Danger!

Alyson Miller, 1st Place • Allen County Intermediate Center • Mary Jo DeWitt's class

FEBRUARY is National Heart Month. To maintain a healthy heart, engage in a regular exercise program, eat healthy foods and keep your numbers (blood pressure, cholesterol and triglycerides) in a normal range.
Think safety first!

Always buckle up when in a car.
Always wear protective gear while riding an A.T.V.

Never fly a kite near power lines.

Emma Turner - Allen County Intermediate Center - Renee Jones' class

MARCH brings out the tractor on many farms. Prevent fatalities and injuries associated with tractors by having roll over protection structures (ROPS) on all tractors, using seat belts, and no extra riders.
APRIL showers are followed with a planting season. Chemicals are often used to ensure the production of food in our nation. Take precaution to prevent chemical exposure by always reading the label on the chemical container, wearing the recommended personal protective equipment (PPE), and storing chemicals in storage areas that can be locked.
Russell Higgins, 2nd Place - Auburn Elementary - Jamie Metcalfe's class

MAY is National Mental Health Month and a good time to assess our depression level and the stress in our lives, recognizing the detrimental effects of our emotions and planning effective coping strategies.
Think Safety First!

Always Wear a Life Jacket.

Never Stand in a Boat.

JUNE is National Safety Month and is the perfect time to review the home and farm for safety risk and take action to correct or eliminate these risks. This simple action is the key to preventing unnecessary injuries. Get all the family involved in a farm safety walk-about.
Think Safety First!!

- Make sure to wear a helmet, knee & elbow pads
- Make sure handlebars and brakes are tight
- Make sure tires are not flat and they don't have too much air
- Don't wear dresses, skirts, or any other loose clothing
- Be sure to tie your shoes

Gracey Spears • Auburn Elementary • Jamie Metcalfe's class

JULY brings hot weather and intense sun exposure. When outside, remember to drink plenty of water, take frequent rest breaks, and wear sun block, hats and light, loose fitting clothes.
Think Safety First

Never fly a kite near a power line because it may kill you.

Buckle up, because seatbelts save lives.

Stop! Never pet an animal when it is eating because it can bite you.

Always stand in front of a horse never in back of it. It may kick you.

Valerie Kljaic • Allen County Intermediate Center • Renee Jones' class

AUGUST is often for county fairs and showing livestock. To avoid injuries when working around livestock, avoid quick movements and loud noises, wear sturdy shoes, and always have an escape plan.
SEPTEMBER begins harvest season. Farmers must sometimes drive farming equipment on the public roads. Slow moving farm equipment may seem like obstacles on the road, but they have every right to use the road. Everyone should use patience and be courteous, and learn to share the road.
Think Safety First
Then you will be safe Everyday!

No Alcohol or this will happen.

STOP! Drop! and Roll! Remember to cover your eyes.

CPR

Austin Blythe • Rockfield • Brenda Roberts’ class

OCTOBER is National Fire Prevention Month. This is a perfect time to add that needed fire extinguisher to farm equipment and buildings and to make sure all smoke detectors are functional and appropriately located. Practice your fire escape plan.
Think Safety First

Don't shoot your gun until you look what's behind your targets.

Matthew T. Henderson • North Butler Elementary • Susie Dorris' class

NOVEMBER brings cooler weathers and winter sports including ATV riding. Always respect the power of an ATV, recognizing they are not toys. When riding, use correct size for age, operate off highways, dress appropriately wearing a helmet, goggles, long sleeve shirt, long pants and boots.
Think Safety First

Always wear a helmet!

I should not be riding in the back of a UTV without eye safety.

Not safe riding in the back of a UTV.

Dakota Clinard • Auburn Elementary • Joyce Taylor’s class

DECEMBER is the month for giving. Think about your family and safety and give a gift of protective gear like hearing protection (great stocking stuffers), a wide brimmed hat for summer use, or a new first aid kit for the shop. These are gifts that keeps giving.