

Apex CERT's mission is to serve and safeguard our community through efficient and effective volunteer service, which helps protect life and property, ensuring the greatest good for the greatest number.



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JUNE Birthdays

Mary Connell

Diana Brown

Dean Hayes

Tim Beddingfield

Stuart Hurwitz

Susan Sperbeck

Mary Engler



MAY ACTIVITIES

May 6

SkyWarn

30 people attended



MAY ACTIVITIES

May 8

Hydrant Painting

7 people painted **22** hydrants!!



Upcoming Events

- June 12: Apex CERT Hydrant Painting
- June 14 – 16: Shelter Training, Wake County EM
- July 1: Apex CERT Monthly Meeting
- July 6: CNCSAR Monthly Meeting
- July 12 – 17: National CERT Conference, Springfield, MO
- July 16 – 17: Local Volunteer and Donations Management (SEOC)
- July 17 – 18: Spontaneous Volunteer Management

Home Hazard Scavenger Hunt

Household Chemical Hazards

- Hazardous household chemicals may include:
 - Oven cleaners
 - Drain cleaners
 - Wood and metal cleaners and polishes
 - Toilet cleaners
 - Tub, tile, and shower cleaners
 - Laundry bleach
 - Pool chemicals
 - Pesticides
 - Automotive chemicals
 - Paint / paint thinner
 - Herbicides
 - Batteries
 - Propane tanks



Household Chemical Hazards

- Tips for Chemical Safety:
 - Buy only as much of a chemical as you think you will use.
 - Keep chemical products in their original containers.
 - Never mix household hazardous chemicals.
 - Clean up spills immediately.



Chemical Emergencies

- CALL 911 and POISON CONTROL: 1-800-222-1222 if ANY concern
- Symptoms of poisoning:
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Irritation of the eyes, skin, throat, or respiratory tract
 - Changes in skin color
 - Headache or blurred vision
 - Dizziness
 - Clumsiness or lack of coordination
 - Cramps or diarrhea

SCAVENGER HUNT!

Take a picture of the chemicals under your kitchen sink!



Household Electrical Hazards

- The most dangerous electrical hazards in the home:
 - Outdated wiring
 - Overloaded outlets and power strips
 - Outlets/electronic too close to water
 - Young children
 - Light bulbs with too much wattage



Household Electrical Hazards

- Electrical safety tips:
 - Check that you're using the correct wattage in all your fixtures and appliances.
 - Watch out for overloaded outlets to protect your home.
 - Replace or repair damaged electrical cords to keep your home safe.
 - Keep your used and unused cords tidy and secure to prevent damage.
 - Unplug all your unused appliances to reduce potential risks.
 - Keep electrical devices and outlets away from water to prevent shock.
 - Give your appliances proper space for air circulation to avoid overheating.
 - Ensure that all your exhaust fans are clean to prevent fire hazards.
 - Install GFI outlets in wet areas like bathrooms.

SCAVENGER HUNT!

- Take a picture of a power strip in your home!



Household Fire Hazards



- **Cooking**

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time turn off the stove.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Position barbecue grills at least 10 feet away from siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep a fire extinguisher available.

Household Fire Hazards

- **Electrical and Appliance Safety**
 - Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
 - If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
 - Immediately shut off, then professionally replace light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker.



Household Fire Hazards

- **Portable Space Heaters**

- Keep combustible objects at least three feet away from portable heating devices.
- Buy only heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Check to make the portable heater has a thermostat control mechanism and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over.
- Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene in kerosene heaters. Never overfill it. Use the heater in a well-ventilated room.



Household Fire Hazards

- **Fireplaces and Woodstoves**

- Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions.
- Use a fireplace screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.



Household Fire Hazards

- **Children**

- Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time.



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Is there a smoke detector in your kitchen? Take a picture!



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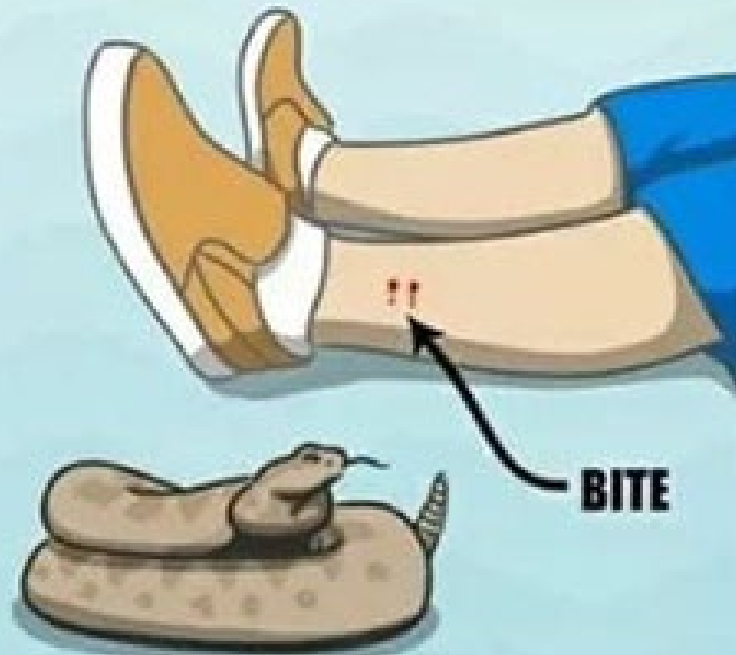
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Take a picture of a plant in or around your home.
Do you know if it's safe for children and pets?



Stay Safe at HOME!!