



Safety & Environmental Newsletter

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September means Back to School!

Things get a little crazy on the roads during the school year: Buses are everywhere, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program.

The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It



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will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

Lift Like A Bodybuilder

Proper lifting techniques aren't just for bodybuilders; everyone needs to lift both light and heavy objects correctly to avoid injury. Watch the full video for an overview of lifting injuries at NASA and how to prevent them., then take the assessment and see if you Lift Like A Bodybuilder! SATERN Course: [GSFC-SH-LIFTLBB](#)

Upcoming Safety Courses

September 2, Goddard Master's Forum

Registration in SATERN Course [GSFC-PM-GMF](#)

The SMA Role in GSFC Missions: Project lessons and highlights of the new Code 300 Organization.

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September 2 – 3, Electrostatic Discharge Control Program Monitor (ESD)

Registration in SATERN Course [GSFC-300-PG-8739.6.1](#)

0830 to 1700 each day in E107, Room 101 Teaches Program Monitors to set up, validate, and work in ESD areas through lectures, practical exercises and a written exam.

This course satisfies the prerequisite for Program Monitor certification per GSFC ESD 300-PG 8730.6.1

September 30, CPR-AETD Training

Registration in SATERN Course [GSFC-SH-CPRAED](#)

1230 to 1600 in E104, Chincoteague Room (Taught the last Wednesday of every month)

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Heard of HMMS?

Hazardous Material Management System (HMMS) is a new way to track hazardous materials at Wallops. Hazardous materials receive a yellow sticker when they arrive at Building F-19, Receiving. Eventually existing hazardous materials stored in flammable storage lockers and hazardous materials buildings will be inventoried until all hazardous materials at Wallops have this sticker. This sticker will link a hazardous material to a specific location, point of contact, and to an online library of Safety Data sheets. Those Safety Data Sheets are located at <https://hmms.gsfc.nasa.gov>.



As you empty a hazardous material container with a yellow sticker, that hazardous material must be recorded as empty. To do this either:

- Scan the sticker and email it to: WFF-DL_HMMS@mail.nasa.gov, or
- Attach the sticker to a piece of paper and sent it via guard mail to: Code 200C HMMS, F-19, or
- Call Jay Jones at **x1760**

Aerosol cans are one exception. All aerosol cans must be turned over to the Environmental Office for evaluation. To dispose of aerosol cans, call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at **x1718**. Do not remove the yellow sticker on aerosol cans.

An empty hazardous material container has less than 1 inch of residue after all hazardous material has been used through the normal process of pouring, scraping, or draining. To dispose of hazardous material containers with more than 1 inch of residue or to dispose of rags, tech wipes, brushes, or rollers which have come in contact with hazardous materials, contact the Hazardous Waste Hotline at **x1718**. Do not remove the yellow sticker on these items.

HMMS will organize information needed by Safety, Environmental and WFF Fire Department. It will also benefit you, the user! If a hazardous material is needed right away, HMMS can identify other Wallops users who may be able to donate or lend the material to you.



Did you know that..

WFF has two State Operating Permits for its Air Program. One aspect of these permits that is important to people who live near or work at WFF is the control of air pollutant emissions. Environmental Office personnel calculate emissions regularly to ensure that missions and day-to-day operations do not result in hazardous levels of air pollution. Many substances and equipment have the potential to impact our emissions.

That's where you come in. If you know of new chemicals or equipment like generators and boilers or are planning a static fire, please let us know! Sharing this information helps us maintain and improve the quality of the air you breathe. To report new chemicals or equipment, please call Kelly Busquets at **x2041**.