



Children

Do not let children be around a canal or any body of water without an adult. **If there is**

an emergency, call 9-1-1. Here are some tips for children's safety:

1. It's never too early to start talking to your children about staying safe near water.
2. Enroll kids in swimming lessons to teach them how to be comfortable and not panic in the water.
3. Stay away from canals. The sides can be slippery, and the water flowing through them can move very fast.
4. No one should ever swim in a canal.
5. Do not have kids walk a dog without an adult, and stay a safe distance from the canal's edge.
6. Never ride a bike or scooter, skate, walk or run near a canal. An adult should always accompany a child near a canal or body of water.
7. If a person or an animal falls into a canal, call 9-1-1 and yell for help.
8. Stay away from fenced areas. Never climb a fence to get near a canal.

Don't Forget Your Pets!

Leaving pets locked in cars is never safe. But when the weather gets warmer, it can be deadly. **High temperatures can cause irreparable organ damage and even death.** It doesn't have to be that warm outside for a car to become dangerously hot inside.

- When it's 72 degrees Fahrenheit outside, the temperature inside your car can heat up to 116 degrees Fahrenheit within an hour.
- When it's 80 degrees Fahrenheit outside, the temperature inside your car can heat up to 99 degrees Fahrenheit within 10 minutes.
- Rolling down the windows has been shown to have little effect on the temperature inside a car.

As the Town is located so close to the beach and canals, it is imperative to follow Town Code Ch. 30 and have your pets either leashed or enclosed in a fenced yard so they don't fall into a canal or get hit by a vehicle.

Summer Safety Tips for Pets



Never leave pets alone in the car



Keep pets hydrated with plenty of cool water



Provide shade for pets that are outside



Watch out for hot pavement

Source: National Weather Service

Safety Tips

A Guide to Staying Safe During Your Stay in South Bethany



Safety TIPS

For ANY Emergency, Call 9-1-1

South Bethany Police (non-emergency): 302-539-3996

**402 Evergreen Road
South Bethany, DE 19930**

Tel: 302-539-3653

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Safety Tips for Summer & All Year-Round

In effort to make it a great one for all, we would like to offer some reminders and tips about keeping your loved ones and visitors safe.

1. When walking along roadways, walk facing traffic and stay on the shoulder.
2. When cycling, always move with the flow of traffic, attach a flashing light to your bike to increase visibility, and use hand signals to communicate intentions.
3. Ensure children are wearing a properly fitted bike helmet when cycling.
4. Use the crosswalks, especially those with beacons, when crossing Coastal Highway. DO NOT CROSS until approaching vehicles in both lanes have stopped.
5. When driving, always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and be especially cautious in parking lots.
6. Attach a life ring with lanyard and a ladder to your bulkhead in the event of a fall into the canal.
7. Do not leave children unattended on the beach or near the canals.
8. Always wear or carry a life vest when in a kayak, canoe, or standup paddleboard. Boaters are required to have one life vest for each passenger on board.
9. Obey all safety directions provided by our lifeguards. Don't allow children to dig holes deeper than 3 feet. Fill in all holes prior to departing the beach.
10. Be prepared to deal with undertows and riptides (swim parallel to the beach until out of the riptide). Use extreme caution in heavy surf.

11. Check that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order.
12. Display emergency contact information in your home if you will host guests or renters.

Know who to contact. In the event of an emergency, always call 911. To report a safety incident or a potential issue, call the South Bethany Police Department for assistance. For issues on the beach during day-time hours, notify a member of the beach patrol. They are responsible for public safety and take this job very seriously.

Bicycle Safety Rules

1. Persons riding a bicycle shall have all the rights and responsibilities as drivers of other vehicles.
2. Always wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet to protect your head – every time you ride.
3. “Delaware Yield” permits bicyclists to yield at stop signs (**only when there are no vehicles present**) instead of requiring a complete stop. **Bicyclists are still required to stop at red lights.**
4. Use a bicycle that is the appropriate size for you, not one that is too big.
5. Before you ride, remember your ABCs (Air in the tires, Brakes working and Chain working properly). Make sure lights and reflectors are working as well.
6. Wear bright clothes so others can see you at all times of the day.
7. Ride in a straight line, single file.

8. Stay alert at all times; never listen to music/wear earphones when riding. Pay attention and watch for cars, people, and other bicyclists around you.
9. Don't bicycle at night. If you must ride, make sure your bike has reflectors and lights and wear reflective materials on your ankles, wrists, back and helmet.
10. Before you enter any street or intersection check for traffic by looking left-right-left to make sure no cars or trucks are there.
11. Learn and follow the rules of the road.
12. When riding in the road, always ride on the right-hand side (same direction as traffic).

Keep a Surplus of Emergency Supplies

1. Portable radio, flashlight, and extra batteries; Cell phone with a car charger
2. Sanitary & toiletry supplies and/or a portable toilet
3. First-aid kit
4. List and supply of special medications (prescriptions and others)
5. Three-day supply of nonperishable foods
6. Manual can opener
7. Matches or lighter
8. Supply of water
9. Spare cash, clothes, baby supplies
10. Pet supplies (if applicable)