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All coalition members provide time and resources to the *Risk Watch* program.

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- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
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- Ventura County Fire Department
- Pediatric Nurses of L.A. County Liaison
- National Fire Protection Association
- L.A. County Department of Health Services, Injury and Violence Prevention Division
- Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center at UCLA
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Lennox Unified School District
- Wiseburn School District
- San Pedro Peninsula Hospital
- Children's Hospital, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department - Citywide Aquatics
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Southern California Risk Watch Coalition

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The Coalition

Injuries are the leading cause of death among children 1-14 years of age. In 1998 a meeting of public service representatives from health, law enforcement, fire, and school agencies came to a consensus that *Risk Watch* was a well developed injury prevention program that could address the needs of these children. This core group formed a coalition with the shared goal of identifying high-risk communities that could benefit from *Risk Watch* and to evaluate the impact of the program.

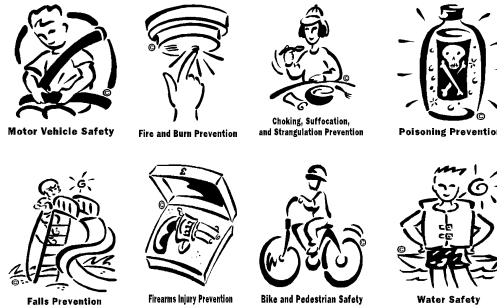


Sergeant Matthew MacWillie of the Los Angeles Police Department discusses home hazards with 1st graders from Leland Street Elementary School.

Distinguished by the National Fire Protection Association® as a Champion Coalition, the Southern California *Risk Watch* Coalition serves *Risk Watch* schools and communities in Southern California.

What is Risk Watch ?

Risk Watch is an injury prevention curriculum developed for pre-school through eighth grade students. The curriculum meets language art and health education standards and covers these 8 areas:



While *Risk Watch* lessons are taught by teachers in the classroom, selected lessons are reinforced by community members who visit the classroom. Additionally, pre-tests and post-tests are administered to measure knowledge gained and to evaluate the curriculum.

Teachers appreciate the comprehensiveness of the curriculum and the effect that it has on students.

"If I have an opportunity to save one child's life or to prevent one child from having a serious preventable injury I shout, 'YES,' I choose to participate in this life saving curriculum!"

-Michele Clayton, 2002 NFPA "Teacher of the Year", San Pedro, CA.

Risk Watch Successes

Risk Watch has been shown to modify student behavior. Here are some local examples of lessons learned and applied because of *Risk Watch*.

- A San Pedro first grader found a gun in her baby sister's room, did not touch it, and called out for her mother. The gun is now stored in a locked cabinet.
- A Wilmington sixth grader encouraged her mother to have the kids sit in the backseat of the car. Later that day the family was in a minor car crash and no one was injured.
- Almost half of a kindergarten class in San Pedro did not have smoke alarms. Through a donation from Lowe's® Home Improvement Warehouse, these students were provided with smoke alarms.



Students show Sparky the Fire Dog® their home fire escape plans.