

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE FROM ANIMALS & INSECTS

Safety Reminders from the Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Department of Health on what Schools can do...

Mosquito Prevention

(Season: April – October)

- Keep un-rimmed tires under cover when not in use for athletics.
- Eliminate anything that can hold water for up to a week. Fill in any low areas on the grounds.
- Run fountains or place mosquito-eating fish (*which can be obtained from the Department of Health free of charge*) in ornamental ponds.
- Notify the Department of Health at 260 449-7459 of any standing water that cannot be eliminated. The water can be inspected for mosquito larvae and treated, if necessary, free of charge.
- Provide insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 for students when outside. (*Example: 10% DEET product will provide protection for 1 hour*).



Tick Prevention

(Season: April – November)



- If a school is near a wooded or high grass/brush area, consider digging a 3 foot wide barrier between the woods/high grass and cut grass area. Place stone or cedar mulch in the barrier. Ticks do not like to crawl across stone or cedar mulch. This helps to preclude ticks from being able to crawl to the grassy area where children play and can prevent the students from coming into contact with ticks.
- Consider having an Indiana State Chemist-licensed pest control operator spray a barrier treatment along the area where the wooded or high grass/brush area is present.
- Provide insect repellent containing 25% DEET or picaridin for students when outside.
- Have students wear light-colored clothing when outside.
- Have students inspect their legs and clothing to see if any ticks are on them before re-entering school.

Animal Bite/Rabies Prevention

(Season: All)

- Keep students away from any wild (especially bats) or domestic animals on the property, particularly if the animals are sick or acting strange.
- Stray/Unaccompanied dogs or cats on school property should be reported to the appropriate animal control agency.
- If a wild animal is found sick or hurt on school property or the animal is found inside the school, contact the appropriate animal control agency immediately to inquire if they will remove the animal (vs handling it yourself).
- If a student is bitten by an animal, please report the bite to the Department of Health immediately at 260 449-7556 (this is direct to the division within the Department that handles animal bites).



ANY QUESTIONS? Call our Vector Control & Environmental Services Division at 260 449-7459.

Have a great school year!

