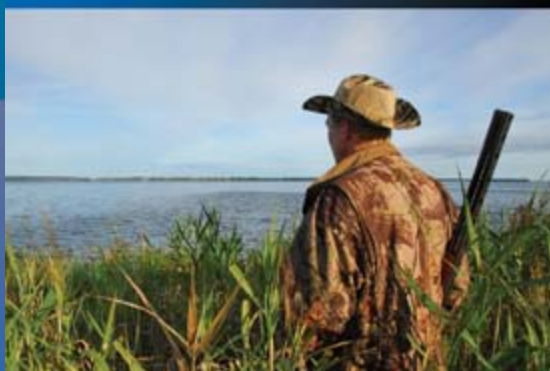




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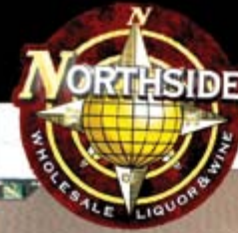
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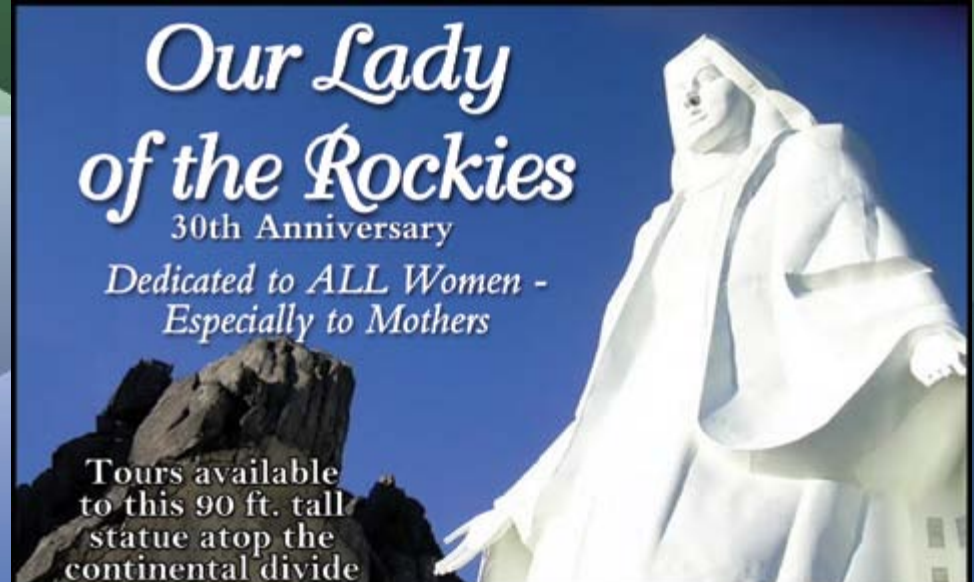
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Art Symposium | Butte
Powder Hound Winter Triathlon | Whitehall

FEBRUARY

Feb Fest | Helena
Chinese New Year Celebration & Parade | Butte
Sports Connection Gun Show | Butte
"Race to the Sky" Sled Dog Race | Butte
Wulfman's Frigid Digger Run | Butte
Chocolate Festival | Anaconda

MARCH

Annual Spring Art & Craft Show | Helena
Annual Early Music Festival | Helena
All Star Basketball Classic | Butte
Relay for Life | Butte
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St. Patrick's Day Events | Butte
St. Urho's Day | Butte
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Shillelagh Shin Dig | Butte
Butte Elks Celebration
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Annual St. Patrick's Race | Anaconda
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Wayne Ested Basketball Tournament | Anaconda

APRIL

Annual Helena Railroad Fair
Jordan Wold Circus | Butte
"Fight Force" Butte Brawl
SW MT High School Rodeo | Butte

MAY

Corvettes in the Capital | Helena
Don't Fence Me in Run Trail Run | Helena
Komen Montana Race for the Cure | Helena
Montana Territorial Ball | Helena
Free Wildflower Walk on Mount Helena
Spring Fest | Helena
Downtown Helena Spring Art Walk
Helena History Fair
Helena Area Open Studios Tour
Butte Art Walk
Sports Connection Gun Show | Butte
XXLF TV MayFair | Butte

JUNE

Blast from the Past Car Show & Drag Races | Helena
Governor's Cup Road Race | Helena
Mount Helena Music Festival
Sidewalk Art Mart | Helena
Gardener's Day | Helena
Monster Truck Show | Helena
Fairy & Wizards Festival | Helena
Butte Mineral & Gem Show
Dust to Dazzle Renovation Home Tour | Butte
Smack the Stack Softball Tournament | Anaconda
Anaconda Bicycle Festival
Father's Day Breakfast Fundraiser | Anaconda
Ladies Dream Night Out | Anaconda
State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament | Anaconda

JULY

East Helena Rodeo & Parade
Chalk Up Helena!
Cardboard Cup Regatta | Helena
Last Chance Stampede & Fair | Helena
One Helena Hundred Bike Ride
Symphony Under the Stars | Helena
Spring Meadow Triathlon | Helena
Tizer Nature Connection Kickoff Event | Helena
Thursday Bluegrass | Helena

JULY (Cont)

Cystic Fibrosis Walk | Helena
Annual Continental Classic at Priest Pass | Helena
Northstar Amusements Carnival | Helena
PRCA Rodeo | Helena
4th of July Freedom Festival & Parade | Butte
Butte Vigilante Rodeo
Evel Knievel Days | Butte
Montana Folk Festival | Butte
Montana Renewable Energy Fair | Butte
Butte 100 Mountain Bike Race
Anaconda Summer Sidewalk Sale
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AUGUST

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York 38 Special | Helena
Blue Moon Celebration | Helena
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SEPTEMBER

Open Studios Tour | Helena
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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

Fall Art Walk | Helena
Helena's Festival of Trees
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DECEMBER

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Helena, first known as Crabtown, was established by four gold miners from Georgia in 1864. The group coined the area “Last Chance Gulch” and the prospect of instant wealth attracted many settlers to the area in hopes of striking it rich. Mining camps were established and the community was renamed Helena. The area was surveyed by Captain John Wood in 1865 and streets were platted along the paths of the local miners. Helena was selected as the capital of Montana Territory in 1875 and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. By 1883 railroad development sparked growth and Helena was recognized as a transportation hub due to the many rail lines located in the area. Known as “the Queen of the Rockies,” Helena continued to boom. As neighboring Anaconda began to compete with Helena for the State Capital, Helena secured the position due to its central location and was also selected as county seat for Lewis and Clark County. The area boasted enormous wealth from profitable mining and mansions decorated the city.

As mining began to decline, Helena’s economy became based on tourism. The Continental Divide, Missouri River and picturesque scenery now attract many avid recreational enthusiasts. The area also houses the Montana State Capitol, Civic Center, Saint Helena Cathedral and many educational institutions. It has become an area rich in history and natural beauty, attracting a variety of visitors and residents each year. Today Helena is home to approximately 29,939 residents.

***Fun Fact: In 1888 Helena housed more millionaires per capita than any other city in the world.**



Butte was settled by miners in the 1860s as silver and gold were discovered. The wealth of resources attracted many new residents and the mining camps were organized into a community. By the 1880s businesses were established and the area became famous for its red-light district. Butte was selected as the county seat for Butte-Silver Bow County and the community continued to thrive. Its population soared and the discovery of electricity created a large demand for copper. Copper mines were established and Butte became one of the most prosperous cities in the country. The area continued to develop and the Anaconda Mining Company was founded which, at the time, was the largest company in Montana. The area was recognized as “the Richest Hill on Earth” and attracted immigrants from all over the world.

In the 1950s the Berkeley Pit was opened and was the largest open pit mine at the time. The mine was closed in 1983 and declared an environmentally hazardous site, yet is now one of the largest tourist attractions in the area. As mining began to decline, Butte’s economy shifted towards tourism with thousands of historical buildings on display. The community is widely recognized for its annual Knievel Days and spectacular Independence Day Celebration, attracting visitors and new residents alike. Butte also houses one of the only three speed skating rinks in the country and its proximity to the Continental Divide has made the area popular for recreational enthusiasts. Today Butte is home to approximately 32,268 residents.

***Fun Fact: Charlie Chapman performed in Butte’s Red Light District early in his career.**



Anaconda was founded in 1882 by Marcus Daly who was known as one of the “Copper Kings” at the time. Daly selected the site of Anaconda due to its ample limestone and water required for smelting copper ore and established the Anaconda Mine. The community was to be recognized as Copperopolis, but the name Anaconda was chosen to avoid postal confusion with an already established Copperopolis in Meagher County. Daly built the Anaconda Smelter Stack in 1883, the tallest freestanding structure in the world, and Anaconda began to thrive as mining operations fueled its economy. Businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community and new residents arrived to work in the mines. The population of Anaconda began to boom and in 1891 the community battled Helena for the state capitol and lost, but was selected as the county seat of Deer Lodge County.

Mining operations came to a halt in 1980 as the smelter was closed and its economy began to shift towards tourism. Anaconda is now home to several notable sites including the Washoe Theater, built in 1931, one of the best preserved public theaters in the country and recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. Anaconda’s proximity to the Continental Divide has made the community a haven for recreational activities, including the Anaconda Smelter State Park. Many efforts have been put forth to preserve the area’s rich history and celebrate the natural beauty found nearby, making it an ideal place to live and visit. Today Anaconda is home to approximately 8,792 residents.

***Fun Fact: Actress Lucille Ball spent some of her early childhood in Anaconda.**

Did You Know..?

- The small committee that named the city of Helena humored one committee member’s idea of naming it after a Minnesota town. The name of a township in Scott County, Minnesota, was accepted, but the Minnesotan pronunciation (hel-LEE-nuh) was disputed, and twenty years later, the Arkansas pronunciation (HEL-un-nuh) became unanimous.
- In 1805, William Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition, stepped on seventeen cactus needles and named the nearby creek and valley Prickly Pear.
- After a long and fruitless search for gold, the “Four Georgians” came to Last Chance Gulch, which they named after their sentiment: if it didn’t yield gold, they would leave the area. According to legend, the first shovelful of dirt contained twenty dollars worth of gold.
- Helena’s original streets wind unpredictably and vary in shape and size because they were plotted by competing prospectors during their search for gold.
- About three and a half billion dollars of gold were taken from Last Chance Gulch over a twenty year period.
- Liz Claiborne (fashion designer), L. Ron Hubbard (author and Scientology founder), and Isaac Brock (lead singer of Modest Mouse), were born in Helena.
- “Butte” comes from a French word meaning “small hill.” In the American West, it signifies a massive hill with steep sides and a narrow top. Butte, Montana is known as “The Richest Hill on Earth.”
- Butte had a population of twenty four thousand people in 1890 and for generations was one of the largest settlements west of the Mississippi River.
- Butte’s copper mining industry took off after the invention of electricity and the telephone, as copper has the highest electrical conductivity of any non-precious metal. One third of all the world’s copper came from Butte in the early twentieth century.
- Butte’s mining industry attracted workers from around the world, and popularized foreign-inspired foods like pasties, pork chop sandwiches, povitica (Slavic nut bread), and lefse (Scandinavian potato crepes).
- The strength of Butte’s mining unions earned it the nickname “The Gibraltar of Unionism.”
- Robbie Knievel, motorcycle daredevil and son of Evel Knievel, was born in Butte.

Mining History

Helena, which yielded three and a half million dollars worth of gold, and Butte, nicknamed “The Richest Hill on Earth,” are both historic mining towns. Butte’s World Mining Museum invites you to experience a taste of early Montana life at a re-created 1890’s mining town called Hell Roarin’ Gulch. Explore the mining town, journey down to an underground exhibit, see mining equipment and some of the minerals they yielded, and more at this incredible museum.

- The Montana Historical Society Museum, Montana’s Museum, presents exhibits about Montana life throughout history (including re-created rooms and original artifacts), Native nations and European settlers, paintings by Charles M. Russell (“Montana’s Cowboy Artist”) and more. The richness of Montana’s history is well-reflected here!
- The Mai Wah Museum chronicles the lives of Butte’s Chinese immigrants, who made up ten percent of the city’s population in 1870. The Wah Chong Tai Company and neighboring Mai Wah Noodles & Chop Suey Building, built in 1899 and 1909, respectively, are enduring testaments to Butte’s once thriving Chinatown. Thousands of artifacts from a Chinese and Japanese general store, Chinese restaurants, and more, along with interpretive texts, historical background, and photos, can be viewed at this gem of a museum.

Tour the Wild West

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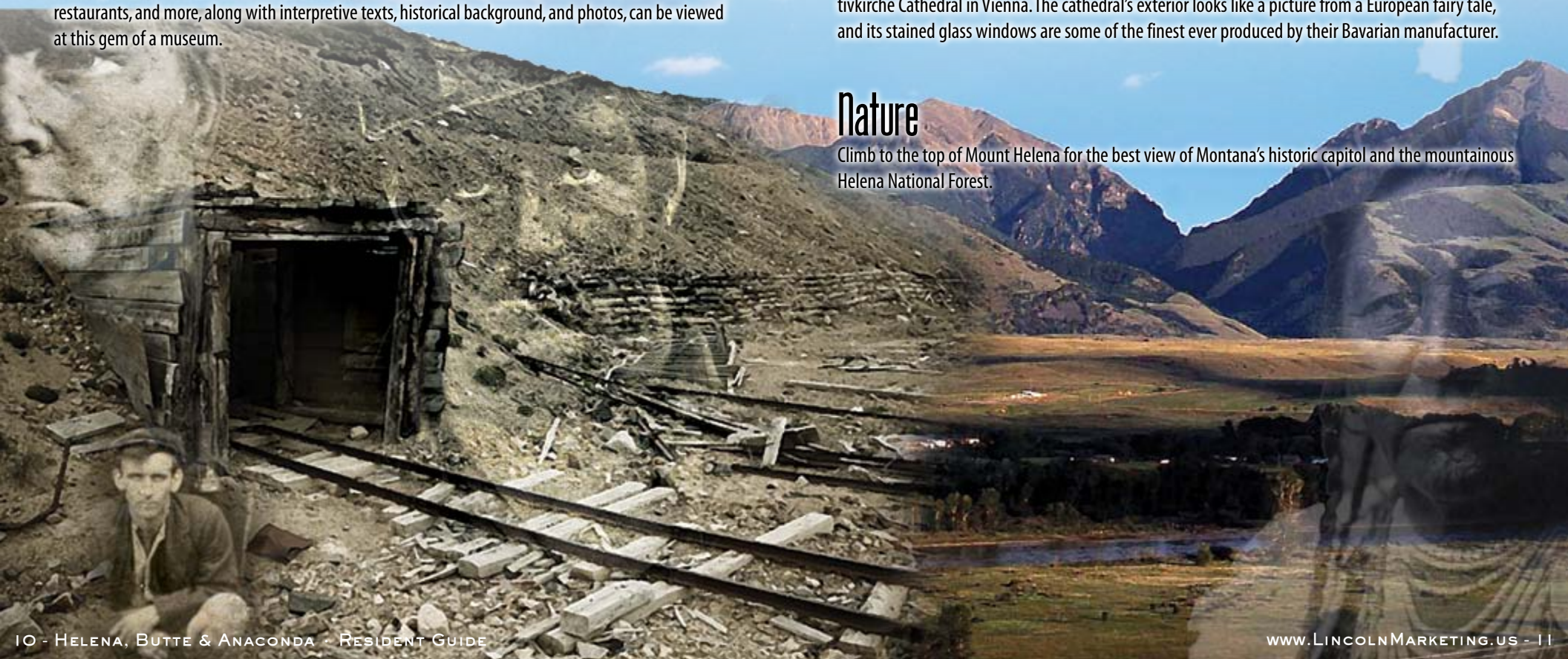
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The Montana State Capitol building’s dome is beautiful both inside and out. Its interior is filled with bright, intricate paintings illuminated by lofty windows, and its copper exterior is topped with a statue of Lady Liberty. Tour the capitol to see paintings of Montana landscapes and heroes and learn more about the building’s architecture and Montana government and history.

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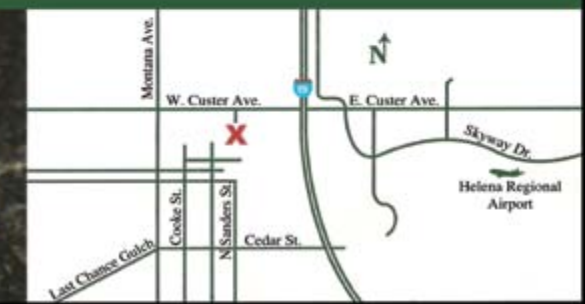


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Hunting Seasons: Courtesy of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks'
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Antelope:

900 Series: Aug. 15 – November 8
 Archery: September 5 – October 9
 General: October 10 – November 8

Beaver:

Western & Southwestern Districts 1, 2, & 3:
 November 1, 2015 - April 15, 2016
 Central & Eastern Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7:
 September 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

Bighorn Sheep:

Archery: September 5-September 14
 General: September 15 – November 29

Bison:

November 15, 2015 – February 15, 2016

Black Bear:

Spring: April 15 – Various (May 31-June 15)
 Archery: September 5 – September 14
 Fall: September 15 – November 29

Bobcat:

Western & Southwestern Districts 1, 2, & 3:
 December 1, 2015 - February 15, 2016
 Central & Eastern Districts 4, 5, 6 & 7:
 December 1, 2015-March 1, 2016
 (May close earlier if quota is reached)

Common Snipe:

Central Flyway Common Snipe: September 1 - December 16
 Pacific Flyway Common Snipe: September 1 - December 16

Deer & Elk:

Archery: September 5 – October 18
 Two-Day Youth Hunt (Deer Only): October 15-16
 General: October 24 – November 29
 Youth Weekend: September 26-27

Fisher:

Districts 1&2:
 December 1-February 15, 2016

Goose:

Goose Central Flyway:
 October 3, 2015 – End Date TBD
 Central Flyway Falconry:
 October 3 – End Date TBD
 Central Flyway Youth Weekend:
 September 26-27
 Pacific Flyway Goose:
 October 3-End Date TBD
 Pacific Flyway Falconry:
 October 3-End Date TBD
 Pacific Flyway Youth Weekend:
 September 26-27

Mountain Grouse:

September 1-January 1, 2016

Sage Grouse: TBD

Sharp-Tailed Grouse:

September 1-January 1, 2016

Marten:

Districts 1-5:
 December 1 – February 15, 2016

Moose:

September 15 – November 29

Mourning Dove:

Central Flyway Mourning Dove:
 September 1 – October 30
 Pacific Flyway Mourning Dove:
 September 1 – October 30

Mountain Goat:

September 15 – November 29

Mountain Lion:

Winter (with hounds):
 December 1, 2014-April 16, 2015
 Late Winter (with hounds):
 February 1, 2015-April 16
 Hound Training Seasons (residents only):
 December 2, 2014-April 14, 2015
 Archery (without hounds):
 September 5 – October 18
 Fall (without hounds):
 October 24-November 29

Mountain Lion (CONT):

Winter (with hounds):
 December 1, 2015-April 16, 2016
 Late winter (With hounds):
 February 1, 2016-April 16, 2016
 Hound training seasons (residents only):
 December 2, 2015-April 14, 2016

Otter, Mink & Muskrat

November 1 – April 15, 2016

Partridge:

September 1 – January 1, 2016

Pheasant:

General: October 10 – January 1, 2016
 Youth: September 26-27

Sandhill Crane:

Over the counter mid-continent: TBD
 Special Permits Rocky Mountain populations: TBD

Swan:

Central Flyway: Tundra Swan (permits only): October 3-End Date TBD
 Pacific Flyway: Swan (Permits only): TBD

Swift Fox:

District 6: November 1-March 1, 2016

Turkey:

Spring: April 11-May 17
 Fall: September 1-January 1, 2016

Upland Game Bird:

Mountain Grouse: September 1 – January 1, 2016

Sage Grouse: TBD

Sharp-Tailed Grouse:

September 1 – January 1, 2016



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online, <http://fwp.mt.gov>, By Phone (406) 444-2535 or visit one of the ALS agents available throughout Helena, Butte & Anaconda:

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Recycle your used batteries. This prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.



Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters. Avoiding bleached products can help preserve our water supply and soil.



Unplug any unused appliances. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.



Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recyclable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.



Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.



Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and repurpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.



Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.



Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent blackouts.



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FISHING SEASONS & RECORDS

2015 General Fishing Season

	Rivers & Streams	Lakes & Reservoirs
Western District	Open third Saturday in May through November 30, unless otherwise specified in Exceptions to Standard Regulations.	Open all year
Central District		
Eastern District		

- Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons unless otherwise specified in District Exceptions to Standard Regulations.
- Fishing regulations valid March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

FISH	MONTANA NATIVE	LENGTH (inches)	WEIGHT	GIRTH (inches)	SITE	ANGLER	BAIT TACKLE	DATE
Arctic Grayling	■	20	3.63 lbs.	11.7	Washtub Lake	Giann Owens	Wet Fly	6/28/03
Bighorn Buffalo	■	40.7	57.75 lbs.	32.5	Nelson Reservoir	Craig D. Grassel	Bow & Arrow	6/4/94
Black Bullhead		14.37	2.80 lbs.	11.5	Smiley Slough	Birrel White	Bait	6/20/09
Black Crappie		16.7	3.13 lbs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Al Elser		1973
Bluegill		11	2.84 lbs.	17	Peterson's Stock Dam	Brent Fladno	Worm	6/3/83
Blue Sucker	■	32.56	11.56 lbs.	17.09	Milk River	Dean Armbrister	Spinner	5/14/14
Brook Trout			9.06 lbs.		Lower Two Medicine Lake	John R. Cook		1940
Brown Trout			29 lbs.		Wade Lake	E.H. "Peck" Bacon		1966
Bull Trout (Dolly Varden)	■	37	25.63 lbs.	25		James Hyer	Trotting Line	1916
Burbot	■	39	17.08 lbs.	16.25	Missouri River Wolf Point	Jeff Eugene Iven	Minnow	4/18/89
Channel Catfish	■	41.75	34.8 lbs.	25	Fort Peck Reservoir	Dan Davenport	Jig	7/26/13
Chinook Salmon		38	31.13 lbs.	26.5	Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Carl L. Niles	Diamond King Spoon	10/2/91
Cisco		18.2	2.08 lbs.		Missouri River	Troy Holstein	Jig & Minnow	6/2/14
Creek Chub	■	11.0	.52 lbs.		Harbaugh Bass Pond	William Bibeau	Worm	5/12/13
Coho Salmon		25.5	4.88 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Face of Dam	Iren F. Stuhl	Dersdevil	5/29/73
Common Carp		38	40.2 lbs.	30.5	Nelson Reservoir	Jared S. Aibus	Bow & Arrow	5/24/98
Cutthroat Trout	■		16 lbs.		Red Eagle Lake	Wm. D. Bands		1955
Emerald Shiner		2.43	0.01 lbs.		Park Grove Bridge	Ike Braaten	Rapala	6/9/06
Fathead Minnow	■	2.7	0.01 lbs.		Dollar Lake	Chris Gueline	Bait	5/20/14
Flathead Chub	■	11.2	0.59 lbs.		Thornton Pond	Douglas Jordan	Worm	4/29/01
Freshwater Drum	■	29.5	21.59 lbs.	26.5	Fort Peck - Ghost Coulee	Matt Washut	Smelt	5/3/03
Golden Trout		23.5	5.43 lbs.	13	Cave Lake	Mike Malhi	Lure	7/19/00
Goldeye	■		3.18 lbs.		Nelson Reservoir	Don Nevviry	Jig/Power Crawler	7/4/00
Green Sunfish		9.0	0.84 lbs.	9.87	Hickson's Pond	Bette Schmieding	Worm	5/25/09
Kokanee Salmon		26.8	7.95 lbs.		Hauser Lake	John Bomar	Jig	9/23/03
Lake Chub	■	3.9	.02 lbs.		Teton River	Joe Hagenruber	Worm	8/22/10
Lake Trout		42.5	42.69 lbs.	31.5	Flathead Lake	Ruth Barber	Flatfish	6/23/04
Lake Whitefish		27	10.46 lbs.		Flathead Lake	Swan McDonald V	Jig	8/26/06
Largemouth Bass		22.5	8.80 lbs.		Nixon Rapids Reservoir	Darin Williams	Rubber Tube Bait	5/2/09
Largescale Sucker	■	23.1	6.16 lbs.	14.5	Woodland Pond	Kevin Friley	Worm	6/27/08
Longnose Sucker	■		3.27 lbs.		Marias River Loma	Ray Quigley	Worm	5/6/88
Mottled Sculpin	■		0.55 lbs.		Belt Creek (North of Nehalem MT)	Brad Sullivan	Worm	7/30/01

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Mottled Sculpin	■		0.55 lbs.		Belt Creek (North of Nehalem MT)	Brad Sullivan	Worm	7/30/01
Mountain Sucker	■	6.2	1.80 oz.		Beaver Creek Reservoir	Robert Garwood	Worm	4/23/01
Mountain Whitefish	■	23	5.11 lbs.	12.5	Hauser Reservoir	Walt Goodman	Rapala	10/10/07
Northern Pike	■	27.125	7.88 lbs.		Nixon Rapids Reservoir	Darrel Torgirson	Lure	5/26/91
Northern Pike			37.5 lbs.		Tongue River Reservoir	Lance Moyer		1972
Paddlefish	■	77	142.5 lbs.	41.75	Missouri River Near Kipp Park	Larry Branstetter	Snagged	5/20/73
Patid Sturgeon	■		80 lbs.	27.5	Yellowstone River Near Sidney	Gene Sattler		5/13/79
Peanut	■	15.125	1.52 lbs.		Clark Fork River	Mike Jensen	Artificial Fly	7/25/07
Pumpkinseed		9.5	0.96 lbs.		Upper Thompson Lake	Nathan Bache	Lure	7/30/06
Pygmy Whitefish	■	9.84	0.36 lbs.	6.3	Little Billamook Lake	Richard Gedrich	Maggot	2/13/10
Rainbow Trout		38.62	33.1 lbs.	27	Kootenai River David Thompson, Bldg	Jack G. Houset, Jr.	Lure	8/11/97
Rainbow-Catthroat Hybrid Trout		35.75	30.25 lbs.	27.5	Ashley Lake	Pat Kelley	Bait	5/16/82
Roadside Shiner	■	6.5	0.10 lbs.	3.75	Lost Lake	Josh Ahtis	Worm	8/21/01
River Carp sucker	■	24	6.95 lbs.	16.5	Fort Peck Reservoir	Brady Miller	Bow & Arrow	8/15/08
Rock Bass		10.8	1.31 lbs.		Lower Crazy Head Springs Pond	Karson Campbell	Nightcrawler	4/26/14
Sauger	■	28.2	8.805 lbs.	15.1	Fort Peck Reservoir	Gene Moore	Whetstone/Minnow	12/12/94
Saugeye			16.96 lbs.		Fort Peck Reservoir Square Creek	Myron Kibler	Minnow	1/11/65
Shorthead Redhorse	■	20.25	4.68 lbs.		Marias River Near Loma	Ray Quigley	Worm	4/14/85
Shorthose Gar	■	35	7.41 lbs.		Fort Peck Dredge Cuts	Brandon Hansard	Bow and Arrow	5/16/13
Shovelnose Sturgeon	■	39.75	14.125 lbs.		Missouri River	Chad Buck	Nightcrawler	5/21/10
Smallmouth Bass		22.5	6.7 lbs.	16.5	Fort Peck Reservoir	Melvin McDonald	Gulp Minnow	8/30/13
Smallmouth Buffalo	■	38	38 lbs.	28.25	Nelson Reservoir	Brady Miller	Bow & Arrow	4/26/07
Spottail Shiner		3.0	.02 lbs.		Tiber Reservoir	Joe Hagenruber	Worm	8/14/10
Stonecat	■	10	0.54 lbs.		Milk River	Dale Ejeriga	Worm	6/15/96
Tiger Muskellunge		50	38.75 lbs.		Deadmans Basin Reservoir	Leo Cantin	Bait	8/2/12
Tiger Trout		20.6	4.04 lbs.	12	Bear Lake	Joe Sobczak	Woolly Bugger	2/9/97
Utah Chub			1.81 lbs.		Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Eugene Bastian	Rat Fink/Maggots	2/5/92
Walleye		35	17.75 lbs.	22	Tiber Reservoir	Robert Hart	Minnow	11/18/07
White Bass		17	2.80 lbs.	12	Missouri River South of Balmville	Vernon Pacovsky	Minnow	10/13/07
White Crappie		18.5	3.68 lbs.		Tongue River	Gene Bassett	Worm	5/10/96
White Sturgeon	■	75	96 lbs.		Kootenai River	Herb Stout		1968
White Sucker	■	21.625	5.33 lbs.	12.75	Nelson Reservoir	Fred Perry	Spear	2/10/83
Yellow Bullhead	■	14.0	1.62	8.9	Ninappes Reservoir	Frank Tepp	Lure	2/5/15
Yellow Perch		14.375	2.39 lbs.	12.1875	Lower Stillwater Lake	Josh Emmert	Jig	2/15/06

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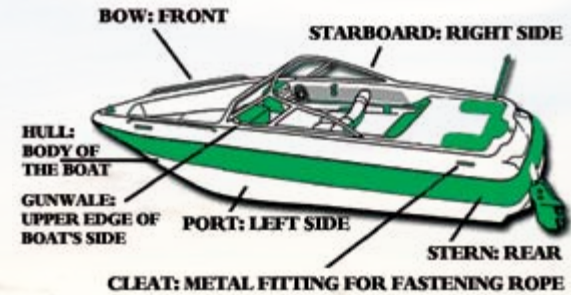
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING.
- ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET.
- DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE.
- DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD.
- KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION.
- IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE.
- TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED.
- SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN.
- DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
 - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
 - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:**
 - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Oncoming Sleds 	



Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly.

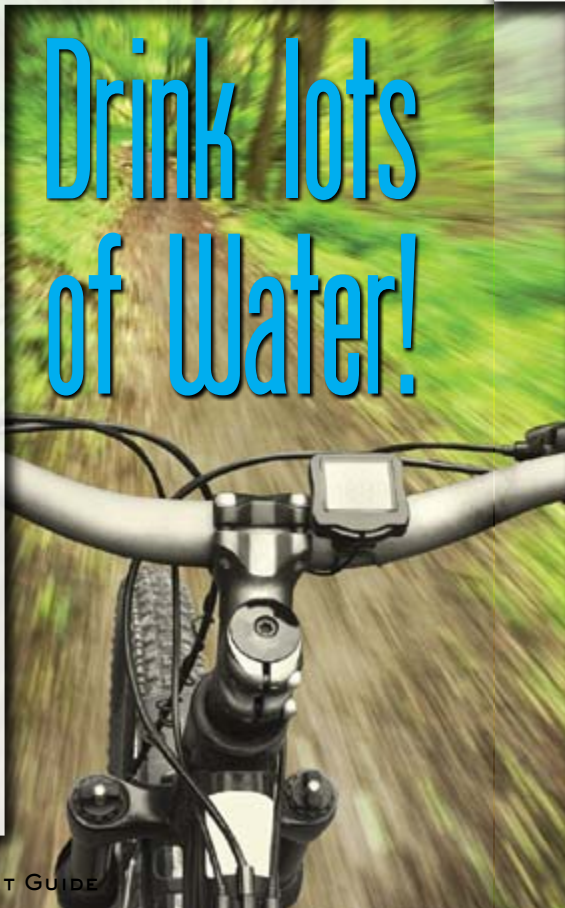
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

Know Your ATV

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

Drink lots of Water!



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

- Please respect private property and no trespassing signs.
- Stay on trails.
- Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.



- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

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10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (With a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."



You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.



Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.



Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any anti-freeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sun-screen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.



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