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**Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk**  
Port Isabel, TX

**Adult Computer & Art Classes**  
San Benito, TX

**Taste of La Frontera**  
Brownsville, TX

**RGV Shooters - Weekly IDPA indoor  
pistol shoot**  
Brownsville, TX

**South Texas Youth Stock Show**  
San Benito, TX

**Annual Longest Causeway Run  
and Wellness Walk**  
South Padre Island, TX

**Rumbo al'Anacua**  
San Benito, TX

## FEBRUARY

**Camille Playhouse Presents:  
Murder Mystery Dinner**  
Brownsville, TX

**Kelly Miller Circus**  
Brownsville, TX

## FEBRUARY CONT.

**Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame  
and Museum Present:**  
San Benito, TX

**Winter Texan Beach Cleanup**  
Brownsville, TX

**Habitat Tours of Bayside Drive-Open Air**  
Brownsville, TX

**Jalapeno 100**  
Harlingen, TX

**SPI Kitefest**  
South Padre Island, TX

## MARCH

**Spring Break Jam**  
South Padre Island, TX

**1st Annual RGV Reggae Fest**  
Brownsville, TX

**Texas Independence Day**  
San Benito, TX

**Ultimate Music Experience**  
South Padre Island, TX

**Diabetes Walk/Run**  
San Benito, TX

**CyClobia**  
Brownsville, TX

## APRIL

**RGV Home Show**  
Brownsville, TX

**Beach -N- Bikerfest Rally**  
South Padre Island, TX

**Sand Crab Night time Beach Run**  
South Padre Island, TX

## MAY

**The Jailbreak**  
South Padre Island, TX

**SPI Kite Board Round**  
South Padre Island, TX

## JUNE

**Great Texas Catamaran Race**  
South Padre Island, TX

**Telling Our Stories**  
Port Isabel, TX

## JULY

**Lighthouse Establishment Cinema**  
Port Isabel, TX

**Port Isabel Antique & Flea Market**  
Port Isabel, TX

**Telling Our Stories**  
Port Isabel, TX

**Texas International Fishing Tournament**  
Port Isabel, TX

## AUGUST

**Texas International Fishing Tournament**  
South Padre Island, TX

## SEPTEMBER

**King of the Causeway Bike Tour  
and Triathlon**  
South Padre Island, TX

## OCTOBER

**SPI BikeFest - Roar by the Shore**  
South Padre Island, TX

**Sandcastle Days**  
South Padre Island, TX

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The history of Cameron County can be traced back to the Archaic period, over 10,000 years ago. Native Americans hunted, gathered berries, fished and flourished in the area. The Coahuiltecan and Karankawa were the most prominent groups in the early years of Cameron County. After the Spanish arrived in the 17th century, a large number of their population was diminished due to disease. The ones who did survive, either intermarried with the Europeans, or moved away/were forced to seek better fortune. By the end of the 20th century, almost all trace of the Native Americans had vanished from the area.

At the time of the Texas Revolution, the population was still very small and sparse. All throughout the 1830's and 40's Mexico had claimed the area as theirs and would frequently range herds of cattle through the area. The Rio Grande was a favored spot to pasture their herds and catch a bit of a break from traveling, and regain strength/spirits. This area is now called Brownsville. In the years leading up to 1846, the dispute over whose land it was became a hot topic. General Zachary Taylor marched between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande to set up a defensive dubbed "Fort Texas" but was later renamed Fort Brown after Major Jacob Brown, who died during a Mexican offensive on the fort. During this time, there were many battles, ultimately leading up to the Mexican War and the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo. On July 4th 1848, the area of over 3,000 sq miles, was claimed by the United States. Santa Rita (long since believed to be the first English speaking town in the area) was made the County Seat, only 5 miles downstream from Fort Brown. Months went by and then Charles Stillman established Brownsville. After much effort on the part of Stillman, on January 13th 1849, Brownsville was named the new County Seat.

Just like it once was, Cameron County was used primarily for ranching/farming. In the 1920's the area was in a boom. Landowners flocked to try and get a piece of the pie. It was during this time, the first commercial citrus orchard was planted and started what was to become one of the areas largest industries.

Years later, WWII established Cameron County as a major food supplier and shipping center for the war. Cotton, grapefruit, oranges and sugar cane were the staples of the industry. Also, cattle and hog farms increased and added to the wealth.

Cameron County is now a popular vacation spot for northerners seeking warm weather and low cost of living. The intense work done on Padre Island and coastal areas has been, and will continue to be, a haven for years to come. Cameron County is home to roughly 415,557 residents.

## CAMERON COUNTY COMMUNITIES

### Cities:

Brownsville  
Harlingen  
La Feria  
Los Fresnos  
Palm Valley  
Port Isabel  
Rio Hondo  
San Benito

### Towns:

Bayview  
Combes  
Indian Lake  
Laguna Vista  
Los Indios  
Primera  
Rancho Viejo  
Santa Rosa  
South Padre Island



## Brownsville:

The city of Brownsville was established in late 1848 by a successful riverboat company owner/entrepreneur Charles Stillman. Stillman, who had the deed for the land, leased it to the government to build a military fort, later known as Fort Brown. There was much dispute over the land and who should rightfully own it. Mexico thought they should be the owners, as did America.

Brownsville sits on the U.S. - Mexico border across from Matamoros, Tamaulipas. Due to the dispute over ownership, many battles were staged here. On May 8th, 1846 Mexico staged its first offensive of the Mexican-American war called The Siege of Fort Texas (Fort Brown). After much effort, America prevailed and became the permanent owners of the land. They called it Brownsville.

Years later, during the Civil War, Brownsville was a major smuggling point for the confederates moving supplies into Mexico. Union troops landed at Port Isabel in November of 1863 to stop the transferring of goods into Mexico, and a battle ensued. Eventually confederate troops fled their fort and blew it up with over 8,000 lbs of dynamite. The confederate troops did reclaim the land a year later in the Battle of Palmito Beach.

Now, Brownsville is a thriving community. It has one of the lowest costs of living in the U.S. and ranks in the top 12 in the nation for cleanest air. Since NAFTA was adopted, the area has one of the fastest growing manufacturing/international trading businesses in the nation.

Brownsville is also home to The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The school sits on over 500 acres and has a Resaca, or oxbow lake flowing through the area creating beautiful scenery and the perfect learning environment. In 2015 the university will combine with University of Texas-Pan American and become the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Brownsville is home to over 175,000 residents.



## Harlingen:

Harlingen, nicknamed "Capitol of the Rio Grande Valley" is located about 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. It was incorporated in 1910 and named after the Frisian city of Harlingen in the Netherlands by Lon C. Hill, who built the first residence in the area. Harlingen was, like most early Texan towns, primarily a farm community. Cotton and produce were the main products. Harlingen is also home to Valley International Airport or V.I.A., which is the major transportation hub for the Rio Grande Valley.

Later, WWII boosted the population and in 1950 was around 23,000. Harlingen is now home to around 68,000 residents

## La Feria:

La Feria is located about 24 miles northwest of Brownsville. The Spanish word "Feria" translates to "Fair" in English. The La Feria land grant originally assigned the land to Rosa Maria Hinojosa De Balli by the Spanish in 1777. The family built a couple farms and held control of the land until midway through the 19th century. Then, G.J. Schoenberg (a land developer) made his way to the area in 1909 and developed the town. In 1933 La Feria was incorporated and had around 90 businesses and 1,500 residents. The area kept growing... In the 1960's it had a fruit and vegetable canning plant, 3 cotton gins, and were manufacturers of carnival equipment. La Feria is now home to about 8,000 residents.

## Los Fresnos:

Los Fresnos, is a Spanish word translating to "The Ash Trees," which the area is peppered with. Just like Harlingen, Lon C. Hill developed it after his arrival in 1912. The area had rich soil and with the long growing season of the Rio Grande Valley, was perfect for farming. Irrigation was implemented from the Rio Grande and cotton, sugar cane, oranges, and red grapefruit orchards supplied the local economy. Railroads were also being constructed and brought settlers to the area. Los Fresnos is home to around 6,000 residents.



## Port Isabel:

Port Isabel is the definition of a tourist town. Ever since its discovery in 1519 by Spanish explorer Alonzo de Pineda, it has been a hidden jewel buried in the Gulf Coast. It wasn't always like this though. During the Civil War, in 1864, Confederate army Colonel John "Rip" Ford defended the area against the invading "Yankees". Trying to thwart the plans of the north, Ford tried blowing up the lighthouse, built in 1852, but only damaged the top section. The last battle of the Civil War was fought only 9 miles south of Port Isabel. The Confederates won the battle and later had to surrender to their beaten foe. Port Isabel is home to around 5,000 residents.

## Rio Hondo:

Rio Hondo's translation from Spanish to English is "Deep River" because of its location on the Arroyo Colorado River. In 1910, J.R. George was the first settler in the area. He set up a small general store and was the first postman. The population steadily increased over the years and is now home to around 2,500 residents.

## San Benito:

San Benito, which was originally called "Diaz" and referred to as "Resaca city," was incorporated in 1911 by Colonel Robertson. Robertson was a railroad pioneer and built the "spider web" to help increase business in the area. He was a fair man, to those that knew him, and even led an effort to rid the area of the Ku Klux Klan. Now San Benito is an agricultural haven. The year round growing season makes for constantly blooming flowers and prosperous farming. It has grown in numbers since its incorporation due to great weather and friendly people. On another note, Freddy Fender (a country and rock and roll icon) was from San Benito. After his tragic death in 2006, Fender was memorialized by the town, putting his likeness on the water tower. It is estimated that San Benito is home to around 27,000 residents.

## South Padre Island:

South Padre Island is the definition of a vacation town. Residents and tourists alike enjoy this coastal paradise and all it has to offer. From water skiing in the Gulf, to swimming with dolphins and snorkeling, this town truly is a getaway. It's tropical climate and sunshine are sure to have people visiting all year long. The temperature during the summer, is usually around 90 degrees and even in the winter, it doesn't normally get below 50 degrees. The entire island is less than 2 sq miles but is packed with fun things to do and see. South Padre Island is home to around 3,000 residents.



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- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT YOURSELVES.
- DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & "EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU.
- ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

## Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
- FLYING/ROTATING DEBRIS UNDER THE CLOUD.
- TORNADOS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A VISIBLE FUNNEL.
- HEAVY RAIN OR HAIL FOLLOWED BY EITHER BY AN EERIE CALM IN THE STORM OR RAPID WIND CHANGES & SHIFTS.
- LISTEN FOR LOUD, CONTINUOUS RUMBLING WITH NO BREAKS IN IT LIKE THUNDER.

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- D. There will be no events held on park premises that will provide a person financial gain.
- E. All pets must be kept on a leash (6 feet or less) and under control at all times. Please pick up after your pets.
- F. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on park premises except at the Santa Maria Community Center Hall.
- G. No glass containers allowed on park premises. (Zero tolerance)
- H. Noisy, boisterous or disruptive conduct will not be tolerated. Please maintain good order.
- I. All vehicles will be restricted to paved parking lots.
- J. An adult must accompany minors at all times; children must not be left unattended.
- K. Profane language will not be tolerated.
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Dec. 20, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014  
South Zone: Sep. 20 - Oct. 27, 2013  
Dec. 20, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014

## Special White-winged Dove Area

Sep. 20 - Oct. 23, 2013  
Dec. 20, 2013 - Jan. 20, 2014  
Special Season  
Special White-winged Dove Area  
Sep. 1 - 2, 2013  
Sep. 7 - 8, 2013

## Duck

Youth-Only  
High Plains Mallard Management Unit  
Oct. 19 - 20, 2013  
North Zone: Oct. 26 - 27, 2013  
South Zone: Oct. 26 - 27, 2013

## Canada Geese

East Zone: Sep. 14 - 29, 2013  
Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014

## Light and Dark Geese

West Zone: Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014

## Light Geese

East Zone: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014  
Light Geese (Conservation Order)  
West Zone: Feb. 3 - Mar. 23, 2014  
East Zone: Jan. 27 - Mar. 23, 2014

## White-fronted Geese

East Zone: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 12, 2014

## Javelina

Regular Season  
Northern: Oct. 1, 2013 - Feb. 23, 2014  
Southern: Sep. 1, 2013 - Aug. 31, 2014  
No Open Season

## Mule Deer

Archery Only: Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013  
General Season  
Panhandle: Nov. 23 - Dec. 8, 2013  
Southwestern Panhandle:  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 1, 2013  
Trans-Pecos: Nov. 29 - Dec. 15, 2013

## Pheasant

General Season  
Panhandle: Dec. 7, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014

## Pronghorn

Regular Season: Sep. 28 - Oct. 6, 2013

## Quail

Regular Season  
Statewide: Oct. 26, 2013 - Feb. 23, 2014

## Rabbits and Hares

Statewide  
No closed season

## Rails, Gallinules and Moorhens

Regular Season  
Statewide: Sep. 14 - 29, 2013  
Nov. 2 - Dec. 25, 2013

## Sandhill Crane

Regular Season  
Zone A: Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014  
Zone B: Nov. 22, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014  
Zone C: Dec. 21, 2013 - Jan. 26, 2014

## Squirrel

General Season  
East Texas: Oct. 1, 2013 - Feb. 2, 2014  
May 1 - 31, 2014  
No closed season  
No closed season No bag limit  
No open season  
Youth-Only  
East Texas: Sep. 28 - 29, 2013

## Teal

September Teal Only Season  
Statewide: Sep. 14 - 29, 2013

## Turkey

Archery Only  
All counties with an open fall season:  
Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013  
Youth-Only  
North Texas: Oct. 26 - 27, 2013

## Turkey (Cont.)

Jan. 18 - 19, 2014  
South Texas: Oct. 26 - 27, 2013  
Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties:  
Oct. 26 - 27, 2013  
North Zone: Mar. 22 - 23, 2014  
May 17 - 18, 2014  
South Zone: Mar. 8 - 9, 2014  
May 3 - 4, 2014  
Fall Season  
North Texas: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014  
South Texas: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 19, 2014  
Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties:  
Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 23, 2014  
Spring Season: 1 Turkey Bag Limit  
Apr. 1 - 30, 2014  
North Zone: Mar. 29 - May 11, 2014  
South Zone: Mar. 15 - Apr. 27, 2014

## Eastern Turkey

Apr. 15 - May 14, 2014

## White-tailed Deer

Archery Only  
All counties with an open season:  
Sep. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013  
General Season  
North Texas: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014  
South Texas: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 19, 2014  
Youth-Only  
All counties with an open season:  
Oct. 26 - 27, 2013  
Jan. 6 - 19, 2014

## Muzzleloader

Jan. 6 - 19, 2014

## Late Antlerless and Spike

North Texas: Jan. 6 - 19, 2014  
South Texas: Jan. 20 - Feb. 2, 2014

## Wilson's Snipe (Common Snipe or Jacksnipe)

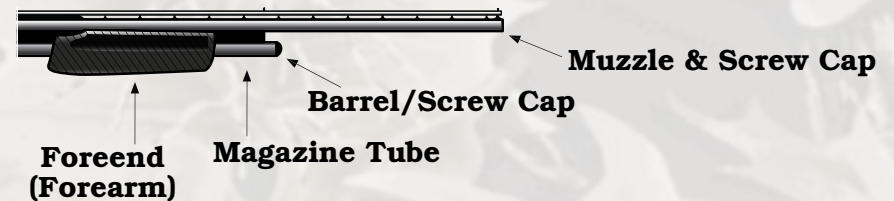
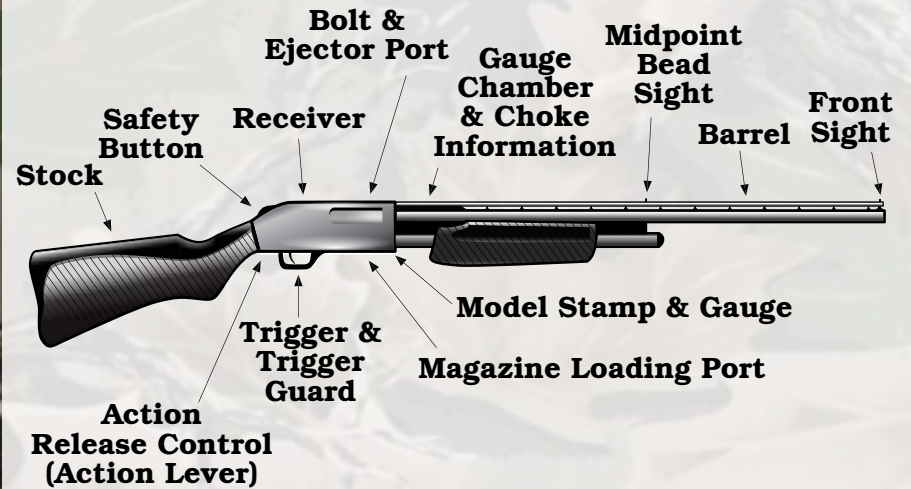
Regular Season  
Statewide: Nov. 2, 2013 - Feb. 16, 2014

## Woodcock

Regular Season  
Statewide: Dec. 18, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014

\*At time of publication, not all seasons were posted.

For more information on hunting regulations, go to  
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/>



*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.

Generally, fishing and hunting licenses and stamp endorsements are valid from the date of sale through August 31, 2015. Temporary hunting and fishing licenses and packages, Year-from-Purchase fishing licenses and Lake Texoma fishing licenses have different expiration dates. **License fees are not refundable.**

A RESIDENT is a person who has lived continuously in Texas for more than six months immediately before applying for a license. Members of the United States Armed Forces (and their dependents) on active duty anywhere are entitled to purchase a resident license, but the Texas Resident Active Duty "Super Combo" package is available to Texas residents only.

The term "active duty" means full-time duty in active military service, including the National Guard and Reserves of the United States. Such term includes full-time training duty and attendance while in the active military service at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned. Non-residents under 17 years of age are designated as residents for hunting license purposes (not valid for Lifetime Licenses).

Residency is proven by any three of the following (all documents must reflect the applicant's name and a physical address in Texas). Items marked with a \* must have been issued at least six months prior to license or permit application. Except for a valid drivers license or a state issued identification card, documentation is not required at time of purchases or while hunting or fishing:

- a current Texas homestead property tax statement
- the most recent six months of utility bills
- the most recent six months of paycheck receipts
- the person's most recent tax return from the Internal Revenue Service
- a statement from a parole board or probation officer stating that the person has continuously resided in Texas
- for the six months immediately preceding the application for a license or permit
- a valid Texas driver's license\*
- a current Texas voter registration certificate\*
- a current vehicle registration\*

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Brownsville LEO  
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5460 Paredes Line Road, Suite 201, 78526

Gordons Bait & Tackle, Inc.  
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Wal-Mart S/C #5493  
(956) 832-0376  
7480 Padre Island Blvd, 78521

Wal-Mart Store #1000  
(956) 544-0394  
2721 Boca Chica Blvd, 78521

## Harlingen:

Bass Pro Shop  
(956) 291-5200  
101 Bass Pro Drive, 78552

HEB #168  
(956) 428-6365  
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(956) 428-4011  
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(956) 428-0734  
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## Rio Hondo

Lone Star Food Store #3  
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28270 FM 106, 78583

## San Benito

Wal-Mart S/C #1296  
(956) 399-1373  
1126 W US Highway 77, 78586

## South Padre Island:

Island Market  
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5312 Padre Blvd, 78597

## South Padre Island (Cont.):

Island Outfitters  
(956) 772-1300  
206 W Swordfish, 78597

Jim's Pier Am  
(956) 772-9977  
209 W Whiting St, 78597

## Port Isabel

Pirates Fishing Pier  
(956) 943-7437  
501 E Maxan St, 78578

Quick Stop  
(956) 943-1159  
501 W Highway 100, 78578

Stripes #9117  
(956) 943-3438  
1685 Highway 100, 78578

Wal-Mart S/C #0413  
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1401 Highway 100, 78578

White Sands Marina  
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418 W. Highway 100, 78578

Any person who takes or attempts to take fish, mussels, clams, crayfish or other aquatic life in the public waters of Texas must have a current Texas fishing license with the appropriate stamp endorsement.

A saltwater endorsement is required to fish in coastal waters; a freshwater endorsement is required for inland waters. See license fees and packages.

Recreational anglers must have a Texas fishing license and saltwater endorsement to bring any fish taken in federal waters ashore in Texas (see Fishing in Federal Waters).

## Fishing licenses are not required for:

- Children under 17 years of age
- Texas residents born before January 1, 1931
- Anyone fishing within a Texas State Park
- Mentally disabled persons who are engaged in recreational fishing under supervision as part of medically approved therapy (for more details, see Fishing Licenses).
- Mentally disabled persons fishing under the direct supervision of a licensed angler who is a family member or has permission from the family to take the mentally disabled person fishing.

Nobody has to have a license or stamp endorsement on Free Fishing Day...! The first Saturday in June, Every Year!

For more information on hunting/fishing regulations, go to  
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/regulations>

### Alligator Gar

Daily Bag:  
 1: No Minimum Length

### Bass

The combined limit for any combination of largemouth, smallmouth, Guadalupe and spotted bass is 5 fish per day.

### Largemouth & smallmouth

Minimum Length: 14 inches

### Spotted & Guadalupe

Minimum Length: No minimum

### Striped & hybrid striped

(also known as Palmetto or Sunshine bass)  
 Daily Bag: 5 in any combination  
 Minimum Length: 18 inches

### White bass

Daily Bag: 25  
 Minimum Length: 10 inches

### Yellow bass

Daily Bag: No limit  
 No Minimum Length

### Catfish

Channel, blue, their hybrids & subspecies  
 Daily Bag: 25 in any combination  
 Minimum Length: 12 inches

### Flathead

Daily Bag: 5  
 Minimum Length: 18 inches

### Crappie

White, black, their hybrids & subspecies  
 Daily Bag: 25 (in any combination)  
 Minimum Length: 10 inches

### Paddlefish

No harvest allowed

### Saugeye

Daily Bag: 3  
 Minimum Length: 18 inches

### Sunfish

Various species including bluegill, redear, green, warmouth & longear  
 Daily Bag: No limit  
 No Minimum Length

### Trout

Rainbow and brown  
 Daily Bag: 5 in any combination  
 No Minimum Length

### Walleye

Daily Bag: 5 (only 2 can be less than 16 inches in length)  
 No Minimum Length

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## Operating Watercraft

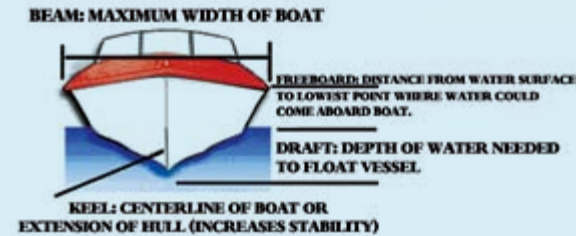
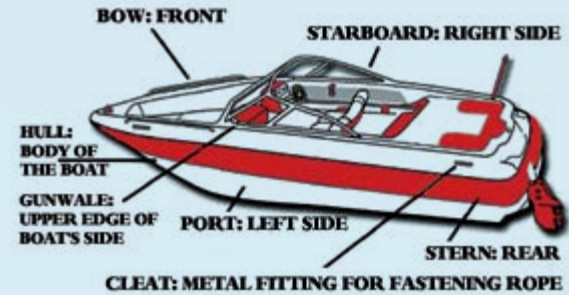
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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)

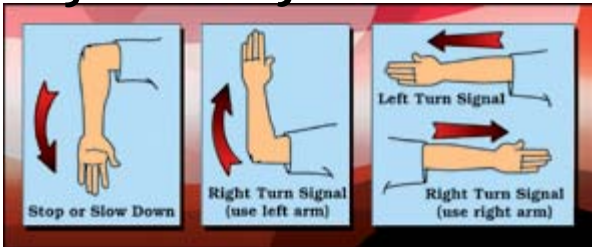
- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
  - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
  - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
  - 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.



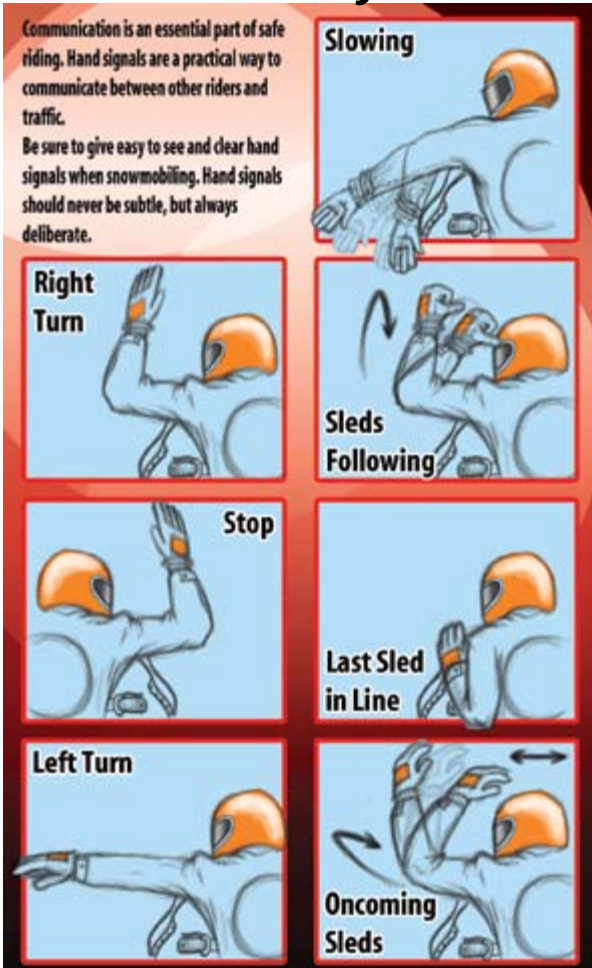
## All Watercraft Must Have...

- 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



## 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



## Drink lots of Water!

- 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.

# Be Cautious of Other Bikers

Below is a list of Don'ts, or rules, for scuba diving safely.

- Don't dive alone.
- Don't hold your breath.
- Don't ascend faster than your smallest exhaled bubbles.
- Don't stay down too long.
- Don't dive too deep.
- Don't dive with malfunctioning equipment.
- Don't destroy the environment.
- Don't plan a decompression dive as a recreational scuba diver.
- Don't go in overhead environments.
- Don't dive beyond your training.
- Don't forget your safety stop.
- Don't forget to log your dives.



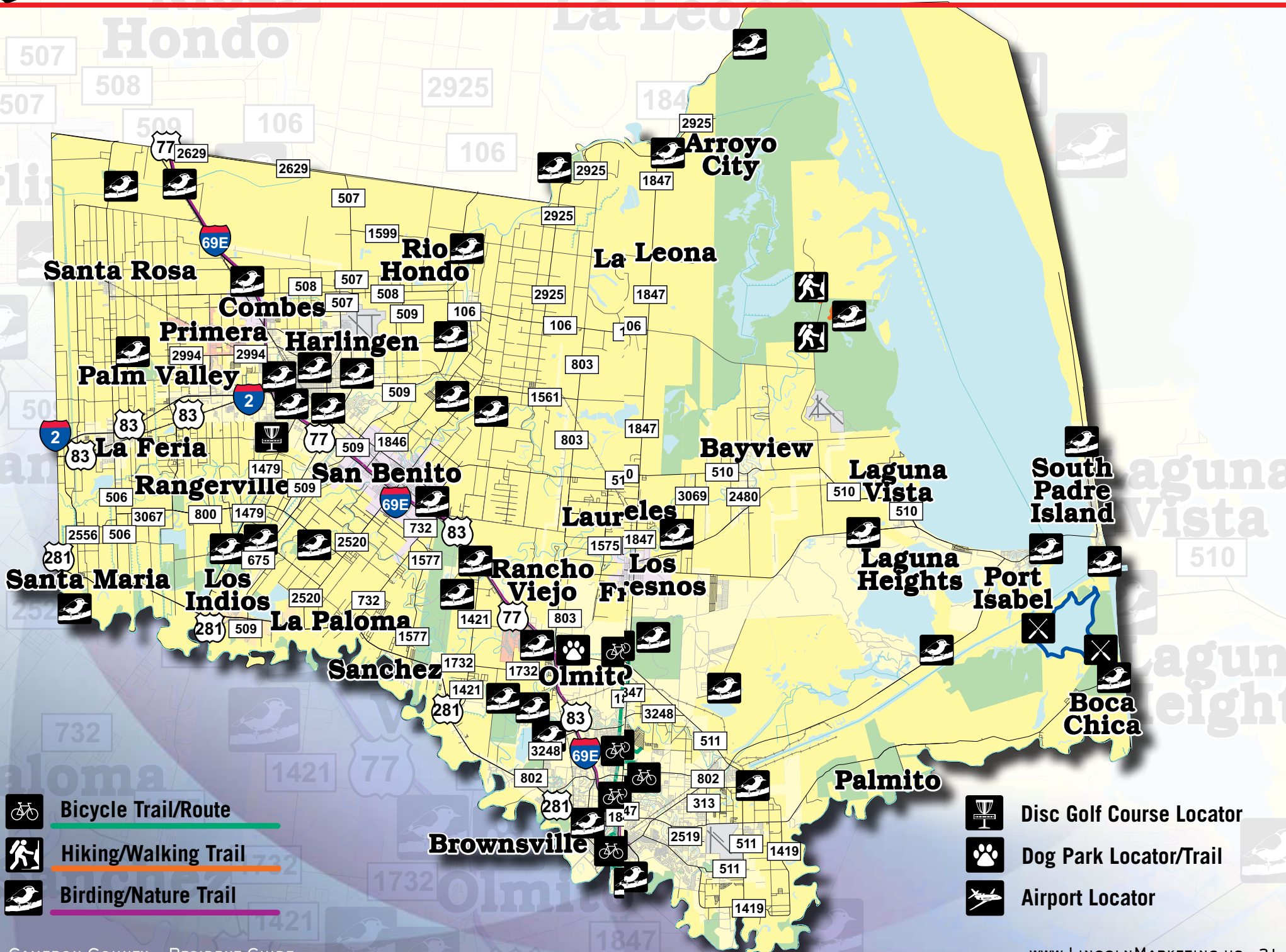
## Don't dive alone

For starters, choose a buddy whose skills and training are similar to your own. Spend time learning how each of you dives and how you'd each handle emergency situations. Practice safety procedures and stay current with such skills as air sharing, locating a lost buddy, first aid and CPR procedures.



All that said, training agencies have begun offering solo diver certifications for suitably trained and experienced divers. That's because some divers, such as underwater photographers or videographers, may need the extra freedom that comes with diving solo. Qualification for solo diver courses, however, include a minimum age, proof of scuba experience, and in some countries a certificate of medical fitness. Don't hold your breath. Try to breath as normally as possible.

# CAMERON COUNTY TRAILS



-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  Hiking/Walking Trail
-  Birding/Nature Trail

-  Disc Golf Course Locator
-  Dog Park Locator/Trail
-  Airport Locator

Hey!  
check  
it out!!!

color me!



## silly JOKES...

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?  
A: Because its hard to run in squares!

Doctor, Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?  
Doctor: Use a pencil 'till I get there..!

Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?  
A: The food!

Q: Who invented fractions?  
A: Henry the 1/8th!

The Perfect homework excuse...  
Teacher: Where is your homework?  
Student: I lost it fighting this kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school!

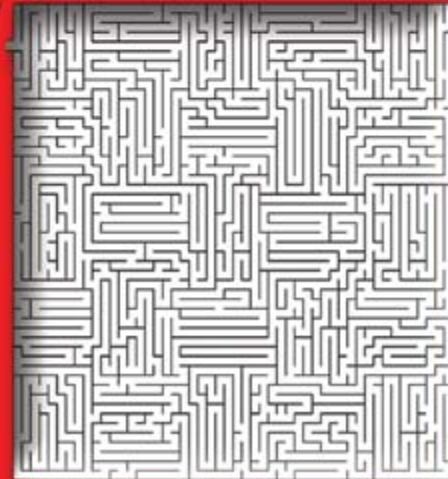
Q: Why does a flamingo lift up one leg?  
A: Because if he lifted up both legs it would fall over!

Q: What runs but never walks?  
A: Water!

Q: Did you hear about the fool who keeps going around saying "no"?  
A: "No...?" Oh, so it's you!?



Can you find your way?



## Sudoku

5					
2		7 3		6 1	
3 8 7		2			4
8 5		6			
7 3		4		9 6	
		5		3 2	
1	4		2 7 8		
9 7		1 8			5
					1

End Here!



## 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.



**IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911**

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