



Safe Passage

**Water Safety Education Program
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My Safe Passage Portfolio

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<http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/safepassage>

Teacher Evaluation Form

Please help us improve our *Safe Passage* water safety curriculum by completing this evaluation form and returning it via the mail, fax or submit it online using the CD-ROM. Rate items of a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high). Your specific comments can provide valuable suggestions for future changes.

Grade Level:	School Name:				
Video					
Video was shown in its entirety during one class period	Yes	No			
Video was shown in segments on the same day with pauses for classroom interaction	Yes	No			
Video was shown in segments on different days	Yes	No			
Video Contains information relevant to the lives of my students	Yes	No			
Video presents information in a logical order	Yes	No			
Video provides good information for classroom discussions	Yes	No			
Student's interest in the video was ...	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					

Curriculum Guide - Format & Creativity					
Material in the teacher's guide is arranged in a convenient, easy to find sequence	1	2	3	4	5
Teacher instructions are clear and easy to follow	1	2	3	4	5
The lesson plans provide useful suggestions for application of the material	1	2	3	4	5
The materials are easy to read and use	1	2	3	4	5
The <i>Safe Passage</i> theme was easy for students to remember	1	2	3	4	5
The activity sheets are visually appealing	1	2	3	4	5
The activity sheets are easy for students to follow	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					

To the Instructor

Thank you for choosing the *Safe Passage* curriculum, developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to introduce your students to the world of water and the many benefits and risks associated with this natural resource that covers nearly three-quarters of our world.

Water is essential to Corps of Engineers programs such as hydropower production, navigation, irrigation, and providing recreational opportunities. The Corps today is the leading provider of water-based recreation, managing more than 4,000 recreation areas nationwide. Corps facilities host over 300 million visitors each year who are attracted to the lakes and waterways which serve as the backdrop for a variety of activities. Whatever their recreational preference – fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, diving, picnicking, or simply sightseeing – most of our visitors come prepared for being in, on, or around the water. We find, however, that each year a large number of water-related fatalities occur which involve folks who never even intended to be in the water. It's a sad fact, according to the National Safety Council (NSC), that drowning continues to be the second leading cause of accidental death (after auto accidents) for ages 1 – 44, with nearly 8,000 people losing their lives in our nation's waters each year.

The *Safe Passage* video and accompanying literature is well suited for a weeklong unit on water and water safety. The video is broken into four modules; swimming, boating, dams (along with rivers and canals), and water rescue. Each section is approximately 15 minutes long. Choose materials from this package to incorporate reading, writing, science, and art activities to complete in class or for students to take home. This package includes several extension activities, such as writing a public service radio announcement, which may be used to complete the week.

We encourage you to examine the interactive materials that accompany the *Safe Passage* CD-ROM and the water safety web site at <http://watersafety.usace.army.mil>. You'll find full-color photos, animations, puzzles, and self-directed learning activities.

Please take the time to send us your comments on the *Safe Passage* curriculum by filling in the enclosed forms or my taking the online survey on the *Safe Passage* CD-ROM. We look forward to hearing from you and your students



Topher's Rules for Safe Swimming

1. Learn to swim.
2. Always swim with a buddy.
3. Swim in a

designated area and make sure an adult watches you.

4. Wear a life jacket if you can't swim or if you are just learning to swim.
5. An air mattress or swim ring does not take the place of a life jacket.
6. Don't swim in cold water.
7. Never dive or jump into unknown waters.
8. No drugs or alcohol.
9. Obey all "No Swimming" and other warning signs.
10. Never swim in a canal.

Scully's Tips for Boating Safety



1. Know your boat – each boat has its own purpose. Make sure you use your boat correctly.

2. Always wear a life jacket while riding on a boat.
3. Make sure a responsible adult is operating the boat.
4. Don't go in the boat if the operator has been drinking alcohol.
5. Ride a PWC only with an experienced adult driver.
6. Don't stand in a small boat.
7. Don't sit on the gunwale or bow of a moving boat.
8. Know your state's laws governing boating and fishing.

Wanda's Rules Around Dams, Rivers, and Canals

1. Never boat just above or just below a dam. Don't go past buoys, signs, ropes or lights that warn of a dam. Don't boat or paddle near a low level dam.
2. Stay away from canals – currents and undertows hide beneath the surface.
3. Remember that rivers can have strong currents and hidden dangers beneath the surface. Some rivers have waterfalls where the water drops hundreds of feet.
4. Watch out for rapids or whitewater.



5. Watch out for fallen trees and broken limbs in a river.
6. Remember that cold water can cause hypothermia.

Sam's Guidelines for Water Rescue

1. REACH: Hold on to the dock or your boat and reach your hand, a boat oar, a fishing pole, or whatever you have nearby to the person in the water.
2. THROW: If you can't reach far enough, toss things that float for the person to grab.
3. ROW: If you're in a boat, use the oars to move the boat closer to the person in the water, or call out to a nearby boat for help. Don't use the boat's motor close to a person in the water, the propeller could injure them.
4. DON'T GO: Don't go into the water unless you are trained. Yell for help.
5. Practice a rescue. Learn first aid for hypothermia and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

