



HEALTH CHECK

WHO NEEDS A WELL CHILD CHECK-UP?



If your child is enrolled in an Equality-Care program, he or she can get FREE Well Child Health Checks! Health Check Exams help keep your children healthy. Many health problems begin before your children look or feel sick. Regular Health Check exams can find problems and treat them before they get worse.

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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A WELL CHILD HEALTH CHECK?

- ✓ A Head to Toe physical Exam
- ✓ Immunizations (Shots)
- ✓ Tests for anemia & Lead
- ✓ Height, Weight and Development check
- ✓ Nutrition check (eating habits)
- ✓ Vision, Dental and/or Hearing screening
- ✓ Health Information (Potty Training, Biting, Fighting, Walking, Talking)

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Well Child Check-Ups
- ☺ Services included in a Well Child Health Check.
- ☺ Summer Safety
- ☺ Important telephone numbers

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Summer means warm sunny days which leads to many outdoor activities and fun under the sun! The heat and sun can lead to heat-related illnesses if you or your children becomes overexposed. Here are some ways to help you and your children enjoy your summer activities safely:

* **Use Sunscreen.** Use sunscreen any time you or your children are spending time in the outdoors (sunscreen should have an SPF of 15 or higher)



* **Dress for the heat.** Dress your children in lightweight, light-colored clothing, hats, and sunglasses.

* **Drink water.** Make sure that everyone drinks plenty of water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty.

* **Stay indoors when possible.** Limit time in the sun during peak sun intensity hours. Peak sun intensity hours occur between 11:00 AM—4:00 PM.

* **Take regular Breaks** when engaged in physical activity. Take time out to find a cool place.

Bicycle Safety

Bike riding can be a fun activity for the whole family but if safety precautions are not taken, it can be dangerous. According to an article on www.mcgruff.org/Grownups/rulesRoad, in 2002, almost 300,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms after bicycle accidents. Following are some safety tips to help prevent accidents:

- ◆ Always wear a helmet and make sure it's fastened.
- ◆ Wear bright clothing.
- ◆ Ride in safe places.
- ◆ Obey the rules of the road.



- ◆ Look both ways before crossing an intersection.
- ◆ Whenever possible, cross the road at crosswalks.
- ◆ Give bikes regular tune ups.
- ◆ Lock up or keep bikes in a safe place.

Water Safety

As the summer sun heats up, everyone is looking for ways to keep cool. A favorite among many people is to go swimming, boating, or fishing. Whatever your favorite activity may be, safety around water for children is very important. Here are a few safety tips that may help:

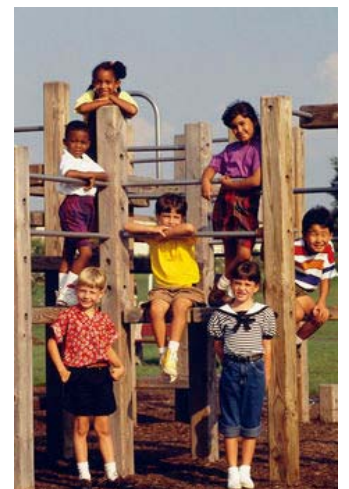
- ◇ Supervision. Watch your children around any water environment (pool, stream, lake, or tub), no matter what skills your child has acquired or how shallow the water.
- ◇ Life jackets. Do not rely on substitutes. The use of flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision. A life jacket should always be used when you take your child out on a boat.
- ◇ Swimming lessons. Enroll your children in a water safety course or swimming classes.
- ◇ Learn CPR. Parents should take a CPR course. Knowing these skills can be important around the water or in any other activity year round.



Playground Safety

Children enjoy playgrounds in parks, schools, and backyards all year. Here are some helpful playground safety tips to keep the kids in your life safe:

- ⇒ Supervision. Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.
- ⇒ Age appropriate equipment. Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.
- ⇒ Safe playground surfaces. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand, and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats, or tiles.
- ⇒ Safe Equipment. Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, and bolts are not protruding.



WHERE SHOULD I TAKE MY CHILDREN FOR CHECKUPS?

Your doctor, a clinic, health center, local health department or public health agency can provide Well Child Health Checks. It is best to establish a "medical home", a place where the providers know your child's history. Find a provider in your



area to provide this medical home. For Dental exams, make an appointment with a dentist in your area.



MAKING AN APPOINTMENT...

- > You may make an appointment directly with your doctor or dentist.
- > It is important for you to keep your appointment. Your doctor and dentist reserve time especially for you. If you cannot keep your appointment, call and tell them as soon as possible.
- > When you go for your appointment, take your child's EqualityCare card and your child's immunization record.



WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD HAVE A HEALTH CHECK?

Getting a Health Check at the right time is the best way to make sure your child gets the medical care he or she needs

Babies need checkups at:

- ✓ 1 month
- ✓ 2 months
- ✓ 4 months
- ✓ 6 months
- ✓ 9 months
- ✓ 12 months

Toddlers need checkups at:

- ✓ 15 months
- ✓ 18 months
- ✓ 24 months (2 years)

Young children need checkups at:

- ✓ 3 years
- ✓ 4 years
- ✓ 5 years
- ✓ 6 years



Older children and Teenagers need:

- ✓ A checkup every year

WHO SHOULD I CALL?

- If you have any questions on your EqualityCare benefits please contact ACS at 1-800-251-1269.
- For Children's Special Health (CSH) eligibility, call your local Public Health Nursing (PHN) office. For information on services and limitations for the CSH programs, call (307) 777-7941, or 1-800-438-5795.
- To apply for assistance in purchasing nutritional food items (I.e. formula, juice, milk, eggs, etc.) through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, contact your local WIC office.



For children enrolled in Kid Care CHIP:

- If you have any questions on your Kid Care CHIP health or vision benefits, please contact Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming at 1-800-209-9720.
- If you have any questions on your Kid Care CHIP dental benefits, please contact Delta Dental at 1-800-735-3379.

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Mission

The Wyoming Department of Health is the primary State agency for providing health and human services. It administers programs maintaining the health and safety of all citizens of Wyoming.



Our mission is to promote, protect and enhance the health of all Wyoming citizens.

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