Alaska's Symbols for Safety
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Injury prevention for A laska's youth
10 to 13 year old children
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Alaska's Native peoples carve and paint symbolic masks to tell stories.

A laska's N ative peop-les drum and sing of love and care and happiness.

The ancestors, the elders
A laska's youth they trust
Will stand in power always
When safe actions are a must!

Our N ative peoples
Clans, tribes begun so long ago
Teach youth through nature's symbols
Respecting each life's ebb and flow
With my safety mask before me
I’ll move throughout my day
I protect myself from harm or danger
At home, at school, at play.

Draw your own safety mask. Your safety mask should contain an image or symbols that will remind you to take care when walking on the earth, when near water or fire and to remind you to protect your mind and body from danger.
I’ll pound a drum for safety
Sing a promise filled with care
For a circle of behavior
Life’s honor we all share

Draw a design for your own safety drum.
Include symbols for fire, water, wind and mother earth.
Water, matches, campfires and stoves
Warm and keep us from the cold.
But these same things can get too hot,
scald or burn us to the bone.

1. Test water temperature before you drink it or bathe in it.

2. Use matches safely.

3. Plan a fire escape route and meeting place should your smoke alarm go off.

Draw your own totem pole design.
Safe kids always wear a float coat or life jacket whenever near water or riding in a boat.

Seals along our western shores
Bark songs for waters blue
Finding food, fun and abundance
But drowning danger too

Draw a design you might carve on a piece of tusk or horn to remind you to enjoy but respect the importance and power of Alaska's rivers, lakes and ocean.
Glacier trails and tundra
All earth’s lessons told
Sure wonders, harsh reality
Hard knocks, bites and blows

Write your own song for safety here.

Safe kids always wear proper helmets when riding bikes, ATVs or snowmachines.

Safe kids know how to tell if a dog is friendly. (wagging tail, ears up)

Safe kids know how to stand and protect themselves from an angry dog. (ears back, growling)
Raven’s caw for hope and happiness
Rides wind that whips and dives
I decide what will be for me,
No harm allowed inside.

Safe kids only take the medicine their parents give them.

Safe kids never play with firearms or knives.

Safe kids know that breathing smoke or fumes from chemicals will harm them.

Safe kids crawl under harmful smoke to get out of a burning building.
A laska's Symbols of Safety Test

1. What should a family do to prepare for a house fire?
   - Plan an exit route and a meeting place outside the house.

2. Before you take a bath or shower, what should you do?
   - Test the water temperature with your finger.

3. What should you do if you hear your smoke alarm?
   - Get out of your house and wait for your family at your planned meeting place.

4. What should you wear when you are in a boat or near water?
   - Wear a float coat or life jacket.

5. What should you wear when you ride a bike or a skateboard?
   - Wear the proper helmet and safety gear.

6. What should you wear when you ride in a car?
   - Always wear a seatbelt when riding in a car.

7. Is a firearm a toy?
   - No. A firearm is a weapon. Never point a gun at anything you don't want to destroy.

8. Can fumes and smoke hurt a person as badly as a bullet can hurt a person?
   - Some children have been seriously hurt and even killed because of smelling or “huffing” gasoline or other chemicals.

9. Who should decide what medicine I should take?
   - Only take the medicine your parents or your doctor gives you.

My ancestors, my elders, Alaska's youth they trust, Will stand in power always When safe actions are a must!