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## **Who Knew Safety Could Be So Much Fun?**

If you're in the Municipal Building over the next two days, it'll be impossible to miss all the excitement that thousands of school children can bring when they're enthused about learning.

On March 10 and 11, about 3,200 Calgary Grade 4 to 7 students will be attending [Safety Expo](#) in the Municipal Atrium and other nearby venues. The event will feature more than 35 interactive booths, five workshops, "Education Corner" presentations and hands-on learning opportunities.

Since 2003, numerous partner organizations and volunteers that support Safety Expo have delivered safety awareness to tens of thousands of Calgary school children.

"All Safety Expo partners, exhibitors and presenters care deeply about the safety of our citizens," says Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart, who has served as the Safety Expo Honorary Chair and community champion for the past several years. "The goal of Safety Expo is for Calgary kids to internalize what they learn about safety at home, school and play and then help ensure safe environments for themselves and others."

The Grade 4-7 students are a perfect target audience when it comes to safety, adds Colley-Urquhart. "They are excited to learn about safety and eager to share what they learn with their families, friends and school mates."

Led by Animal & Bylaw Services, a multi-agency committee organized Safety Expo. Committee partners include ENMAX, the Calgary Fire Department, the Calgary Police Service, Alberta Health Services (EMS), the Girl Guides of Canada, Safer Calgary, Campus Calgary: City Hall School, Youthlink Calgary and St. John Ambulance.

Students from Calgary Catholic, public, private and charter schools are invited to attend the event. Attendance is free and bus fees are paid for by ENMAX.

During Safety Expo each year, the Jim Gray Safer Calgary Awards are also announced. The annual awards honour groups and individual Calgarians for their contributions to violence prevention, injury prevention and safety in the natural or built environment.