



What is the School Safety Initiative (SSI) Program?

To help make children safer, the SSI Program was developed to teach children, teens, and young adults safety awareness and safety skills.

Through the SSI programs, students of all ages learn how to prevent accidents before they happen. Since accidents do occur even with the best prevention, students also learn how to prepare for and respond to a variety of emergency situations. They learn basic first aid skills, gain an understanding of how natural disasters occur, and learn how to deal with terrorism and tragic events.

SSI also enables students to become involved in their community by promoting Red Cross service projects and training that helps their school, families, and communities.

First Aid for Children Today (FACT) – Grades K-3

First Aid for Children Today (FACT) is a 10 – 14 hour health promotion and injury prevention program for children aged 5–8. FACT detailed lessons include First Aid for You, Healthy Living Habits, Careful Kids, Injury Prevention, Road Safety, and First Aid for the Environment.

Basic Aid Training (BAT) – Grades 2-6

Basic Aid Training (BAT) is a 6–12 hour safety education program for children aged 8–12. BAT helps students understand the importance of accident prevention, and teaches basic first aid skills in the event of an accident. Students learn the importance of staying calm in an emergency, and how to implement the Emergency Action Steps – Check, Call, and Care.

Masters of Disaster is a disaster preparedness curriculum teaches children how to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters and other emergencies.

We are pleased to announce this past school year 2008-2009 we had a number of schools that participated in the SSI program.

This year a total of 700 students were taught FACT & BAT:

- Hollis Elementary: The school nurse taught FACT to over 300 students!
- Colonel Shepard Montessori of Milford: Taught FACT in their Kindergarten and Elementary Classrooms, using one of our Red Cross volunteers.
- Presentation of Mary Academy of Hudson: Carol Wagner long time instructor of the chapter taught BAT.
- Fairgrounds Elementary of Nashua: Tricia Rodriguez the SSI coordinator taught BAT & FACT in an afternoon school program.
- Mont Vernon Village School: School nurse Deb Button taught BAT to 56 students.

*Some private Kindergartens also used our FACT program in their classroom:

- Country Bear of Hudson
- Beginning Discoveries of Hudson

Multiple local schools used the Master of Disaster in their curriculum:

- Bicentennial Elementary School
- Dr. Crisp Elementary School
- Elm Street Middle School
- Fairgrounds Elementary School
- Hollis/Brookline School
- Ledge Street Elementary School
- Milford Middle School



- Mont Vernon Village School
- Pennichuck Middle School
- World Elementary (Small World)
- Mason Elementary School
- Greenville Elementary School
- Wee Dreams, New Ipswich

*In addition the NH Gateway Chapter provides over 400 of the Disaster Preparedness books for the “Backpack for Back to School” program provided by the Nashua Soup Kitchen.

Thanks to a very generous grant from **ORACLE** Corporation, all SSI courses and programs are available for free to all service area public and private schools. For more information on the SSI program please contact tricia@nashua.redcross.org or visit www.nashua.redcross.org