Summer is almost upon us. The time for family trips and excursions is rapidly approaching. The following tips are some suggestions to make your visit to your favorite Theme Park SAFE and FUN!

**THEME PARK SAFETY**

- Wear sunscreen. Apply before you arrive at the park and re-apply after water rides or perspiring heavily.

- Prevent heat-related illnesses by drinking lots of water before you hit the rides. Your body can quickly dehydrate in the heat.

- Wear a comfortable pair of shoes and socks. Also dress for the weather and rides. If you plan on going on water rides, wear clothes that dry fast.

- When you arrive, make a plan with your group for where you will meet if you get separated. Also schedule meeting times to re-connect with your group.

- Take a photo of any children in your group with your phone when you arrive at the park. If a child gets separated from the group, a photo will help police find them because they will be aware of exactly what the child is wearing, and how they look that day.

- Be alert to exits and emergency stations.

- Follow all park rules. If you have small children with you, stay in age-appropriate areas. If you are pregnant or have certain medical conditions, some rides might not be safe for you.

- Carry minimal cash and leave valuable personal items that could be easily lost or stolen at home.

- Hold on tight. Handles and safety bars are there for a reason. Use them to keep your body positioned correctly in the ride and to stay in your seat.

- Always fasten your seatbelt tightly and sit up straight and face the proper direction.

- Read ride warning signs and follow instructions given by the ride operators.

Have a Great Summer!

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