

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JUNE 2023 PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

These tips are intended for residents, visitors and property owners of Brookfield, VT but may apply to neighboring towns as well.

June is here. So are the black flies. Did you know that they do not breed in stagnant water like mosquitos. Instead, they hatch in slow moving streams, that are 1 to 1½ miles per hour and the winds carry them some distances, to our dismay. Also unlike mosquitos, they BITE ! Something with Deet will help and if you wear a hat, you can put a dryer sheet hanging from the back, which may help? But any place that isn't covered is fair game for biting insects! You might also try a wide brimmed hat with mosquito netting hanging down to cover your face and neck.

With the improved weather people riding or driving horses will be on the roads. We must be especially careful of our neighbors riding or driving their horses on public roads. For laws regarding horse safety go to <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/12/203/05793>

This is also road grading time. Use care when you see grading in progress. Pass around the grader slowly and be careful of the ferrules of gravel left by the machine. After the grading is complete, there are often many stones left behind. These stones can be tossed around and cause damages. They can also cause flat tires and accidents. We like having properly graded roads, so slow down, be careful and enjoy well maintained roads!

Many of the traffic signs in Brookfield are missing. This is a costly, yearly event to replace them both in the cost of the sign and the cost of having the town road crew replace them. Road Name, Stop, Yield, Speed Limit, Load Limit and Caution signs get taken as well as damaged. This can cause accidents when drivers are unaware of what the signs would have told them. Missing road name signs make it hard to find places that you have not been before. If you or someone you know has any traffic or road name signs, PLEASE drop them off at the town garage, no questions asked, THANK YOU!

One more thing. Now that School is nearly out, remember Kids may be out and about on foot, on tricycles, on bicycles, etc., etc.! Also, there will be a lot more activity around the floating bridge and other swimming areas and play grounds. Please drive extra cautiously.

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