



The War Amps

PLAYSAFE™

Child amputees say “PLAYSAFE!”

Quick Facts

The PLAYSAFE Program is a unique “**kids-to-kids**” **approach** to child safety. The purpose? To make children aware of the dangers in their play environment.

- Members of the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, also known as **Safety Ambassadors**, are passing on a life- and limb-saving message to other kids to **spot the danger** *before* they play.
- PLAYSAFE was established in **1978** when it became apparent that many children enrolling in CHAMP had lost limbs in accidents that could have been prevented.
- The War Amps believes no one is better qualified to deliver the PLAYSAFE message than child amputees, who know what it is like to live without a limb.
- Champs ride on board The War Amps PLAYSAFE float in **parades** across the country, reaching thousands of children with this safety message. The float sports eye-catching displays that have a special focus on “**Mean Machines**” **such as lawn mowers, farm equipment and trains**, and warn children of the dangers around them.
- Safety Ambassadors spread the PLAYSAFE message by giving **presentations** to schools and community groups, and **hosting displays** at safety and community events. They also deliver the message in national public service announcements and videos.



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Visit waramps.ca/ways-we-help/playsafe for information on PLAYSAFE resources such as videos, posters, stickers and the SAFETY WALK Kit. To request a PLAYSAFE presentation or Safety Blitz, please contact playsafe@waramps.ca.

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