

National Child Safety Council

SafetyPup[®]

Costume Care & Use Guide



Your NEW Safetypup® Costume

Your new Safetypup® Costume is one of the finest costumes available to help law enforcement educate children & parents about child safety and accident prevention. It's a great opportunity to make an important impact on children and families in your community.

Please remember that the Safetypup® Costume must only be worn to programs or events that further public information, education, and awareness in child safety, law enforcement, and accident prevention.

Any inappropriate use is strictly prohibited.

When you unpack or store your Safetypup® Costume, please inspect each piece and verify they are clean & in working order.

Costume Checklist

- 1 - Large Safetypup® Head
- 1 - Cooling Fan & 9-Volt Battery
- 1 - Safetypup® Jumpsuit
- 1 - Red Safetypup® Cape
- 1 - Safetypup® Tail
- 1 - Yellow Belt
- 1 - Waist-Hoop Insert
- 2 - Safetypup® Tan Fur Gloves
- 2 - Safetypup® Fuzzy Feet
- 1 - Costume Care & Use Guide
- 1 - Shipping / Storage Box



Safety Precautions

Only those who have read this guide and understand these precautions should wear the costume.

For your own safety, please consult with your physician if you have any questions about your ability to wear the costume.

DO NOT wear the Safetypup® costume if you have any of the following medical conditions or restrictions:

- heart condition
- neck or back problems
- history of seizures
- sensitivity to heat
- breathing problems
- any other problem that could endanger your health

A red starburst graphic with multiple points, containing the text 'It can get HOT in the costume!' in white and yellow.

It can get
HOT in the
costume!

IMPORTANT!

Immediately stop wearing the costume and seek medical attention if you feel dizzy, overheated, nauseous, faint, or short of breath.

Cooling Techniques:

- Limit wearing time, approx. 30mins, especially during hot weather.
- Sip cool water slowly if very hot.
- Always use the cooling fan when wearing the costume.

Costume Assembly

Before wearing the Safetypup® Costume some assembly is required. Please follow these steps to ensure you properly assemble the Safetypup® Costume.

Step 1 Insert the Waist-hoop

1. Insert the hoop thru opening in the back.
2. Feed hoop all the way thru until you can see both ends.
3. Connect the ends of waist-hoop together.
4. Adjust costume so hoop forms round belly shape.



Step 2 Attach the Tail & Yellow Belt



1. Insert tail into the opening and attach to four fasteners.
2. Insert yellow belt thru the loops on outside of jumpsuit.
3. Attach the belt in the back using the hook & loop fastener.
4. Be sure belt is not too tight causing costume to pucker.

Step 3 Step Into the Jumpsuit & Attach Cape

1. Open the back & step into the jumpsuit.
2. Close the back using the hook&loop fastener.
3. Attach cape to hook & loop at shoulders.
4. Tie the cape loosely around the neck.



Step 4 Put on the Safetypup® Feet



1. Open the back of the Safetypup® foot, insert your foot then close.
2. Tie the strap around your ankle.
3. Tuck and “blouse” any excess pantlegs into the yellow cuff.
4. Check that pants are not hanging out of yellow cuff.

Step 5 Put on the Safetypup® Head

1. Place head inside of headgear and turn on fan.
2. Check that cape is tucked under red collar.
3. Adjust until red collar hangs down over shoulders.
4. Head should set evenly on shoulders without tipping.



Step 6 Put on the Fur Gloves



1. Slip thumb through the elastic loops sewed inside sleeves.
2. Bunch up and hold remaining sleeve material.
3. Slide glove on keeping middle & ring fingers together.
4. Tightly close hook & loop on glove cuff and tuck in excess sleeve.

**Safetypup®
Costume fully
assembled
and ready for
a spotter.**



**Always have
a Spotter.**

Costume Guidelines

Safetypup® is a trusted role-model for children nationwide. Always use appropriate conduct while wearing the Safetypup® costume. Never engage in any activity that is illegal or inappropriate for the image of Safetypup® or your department. Be professional, friendly, and courteous at all times, & never purposely frighten or startle children.

Try to be extra animated when wearing the costume to bring Safetypup® to life and not appear “flat”. (*Example: Wave, clap, and point with both hands, lift an ear to listen, kneel when visiting with a small child, keep hands on hips in a “Super Hero” pose when standing still, etc.*)

Tips For Wearing the Safetypup® Costume

1. **ALWAYS** have a **Spotter** with you.
2. **Some users can choose to wear their street shoes** inside the Safetypup® feet, although they will not accomodate very large shoes.
3. **Walking with a “Marching Style” step** gives Safetypup® his peppy walk and reduces your chance of tripping.
4. **Pre-set the head gear size for depth & width before wearing.** This will help to prevent the Safetypup® head from wobbling.
5. **Test the fan** before wearing, insert new batteries as needed.
6. **Keep long hair tucked in & tied back** to avoid getting caught in the fan.
7. **ONLY be seen in full costume.** (*All pieces MUST be worn together.*) Keep the costume out of view before and after use. I.e. carry in storage box. The costume should only be put on & taken off in private.
8. **The Safetypup® costumed character MUST NEVER SPEAK.** The spotter or accompanying officer must always speak for Safetypup®.
9. **Avoid** wearing the costume in the rain.
10. **NEVER** operate dangerous machinery, or eat or drink while wearing the Safetypup® Costume. Always treat the costume with care.

Seeing Thru the Nose Greatly Improves the Appearance

- Avoid pushing or scratching the nose screen.
- If scratched, the screen can be touched up using a black perma-marker.
- Avoid getting marker on the costume.

The Spotter's Job

A spotter (chaperone) is required to assist the costume wearer at ALL TIMES. Basically, the spotter helps Safetypup® dress/undress and alerts them to any situation or hazard they may not be able to “spot” themselves.

Spotters should be knowledgeable in child safety & NCSC materials so they can speak for Safetypup®.

The spotter watches for:

- changes in the floor/ground, inclines, and debris.
- stairs, debris, or other obstacles.
- young children approaching for a handshake or hug.
- children asking questions.

Never use children as Spotters!



Costume Storage

ALWAYS remove the batteries from fan unit before storing. *Failing to do this could damage the fans battery compartment & switch.*

Store your Safetypup® head in the upright position (chin down) with other items in the plastic bag they arrived in. Place the feet in the plastic bags along side the head in the bottom of the box. Replace the plastic bags if they become lost or damaged to keep everything separate and clean.

Never store parts wet, doing so could cause damage. Always be certain that all parts are clean and completely dry before storing. Avoid keeping costume in vehicle trunks or back seats for long periods of time. *Damage that could occur this way is not covered by warranty.*

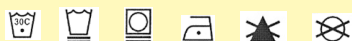
Keep your Safetypup® Costume, the Costume Care & Use Guide, and any other instructions inside the shipping/storage box in a well-ventilated, dry area.

Cleaning & Maintenance

To keep the integrity of the Safetypup® Costume Child Safety Mascot, please take proper steps to ensure that your costume will remain in good condition for years to come.

Jumpsuit, Cape, & Gloves

65% Polyester 35% Cotton



REMOVE TAIL, BELT, & HOOP BEFORE WASHING

MACHINE WASH COLD /W LIKE COLORS
Delicate cycle/Inside out

LOW AIR/TUMBLE DRY (Air Fluff)
REMOVE PROMPTLY

(for best results AIR DRY GLOVES)

LOW IRON JUMPSUIT ONLY
DO NOT BLEACH
DO NOT DRY CLEAN

Head, Tail, Feet, & Belt

65% Polyester 35% Cotton



SPOT CLEAN ONLY

DO NOT MACHINE WASH

HAND WASH COLD

DO NOT BLEACH

DO NOT DRY CLEAN

1. **ALWAYS** remove the tail, yellow belt, & waist-hoop before washing!
2. Always clean and dry the costume after use & before storing.
3. Never store the costume soiled, wet, or damp.
4. Spray the inside of the head with a disinfectant after each use.
5. Only spot wash the Safetypup® Head, Feet, Belt, & Tail.
6. Many minor repairs can be made using a hot glue gun, contact adhesive, needle & thread, or black perma-marker.

Limited Warranty & Service

NCSC offers a 6-month limited warranty that covers all parts and labor on the Safetypup® Costume and accessories. If during this time you discover a problem, please contact our costume department for assistance.

NCSC is not liable for any incidental or consequential damages/injuries in connection with or arising from the use of the costume or accessories. The buyer is responsible for training individuals that wear the Safetypup® costume.

Non-adherence to the care instructions may void the warranty.

For Service, call 1-800-327-5107 Ex7065, or visit Safetypup.org.

Please consult the costume checklist for names of parts and contact us for availability & costs. **Replacement parts are limited.** Our Costume Department will do its best to solve any problems you may experience, or answer any questions you may have about your Safetypup® costume. We hope to solve most problems over the phone.