

Pokémon GO - Stay Safe, Stay Vigilant

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Everyone is talking about and playing the new Pokémon GO App, which uses established buildings and landmarks as gathering sites for players. The new game, however, presents several safety hazards.

If you're driving to a work location in a neighborhood, or a congested area like a downtown or park, please watch for gamers – both children and adults. Drive defensively, especially as you enter or exit parking lots and parking garages. Many gamers are focused on their smartphone screens and not their surroundings.

Locations included in the game are generally public areas – churches, historic landmarks, parks sculptures, parking lots, restaurants and government buildings.

Warn Players to Stay Safe

There is some discussion that you can catch electric type Pokémon near substations and transformers.

Electrical substations and transformers are **very dangerous and not to be considered as gaming locations**. Tell friends who are playing the game they should:

- Never climb the fence or enter a substation.
- Stay away from all power lines and transformers on utility poles or located on the ground in green boxes.
- Don't climb company poles to try and reach transformers.

AEP Security has requested the developer to remove the AEP stops that we are aware of, but has not received a response.