

Child Passenger Car Safety Tips

Did you know...

- Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 cause of death for children ages 1-19?
- 80% of fatal car accidents happen within 25 miles of a person's home?
- 80% of child car seats are installed and/or used incorrectly?

Many child deaths can be avoided with the proper use of child safety seats and seat belts. Here are some useful tips to keep your child safe:

- Children should ALWAYS be properly restrained in the back seat.
- Even if taking a short trip, make sure your child is properly restrained.
- Never put a child in front of an air bag! Children under age 12 can be killed by an air bag.
- Three common child safety seat misuses: 1) Harness straps are too loose, 2) The child safety seat is too loose, and 3) The child is the wrong age and weight for the restraint used
- NEVER leave your child unattended in a car and always keep the car locked.
- Don't over bundle your child. Child seat harnesses need to remain tight against a child's chest. Remove your child's coat and cover her/him with a blanket instead.
- Get your car seat checked. Visit www.nhtsa.do.gov for a list of child safety seat inspection stations near you.
- Children should be in a rear-facing car seat until at least 2 years of age or until he/she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seats' manufacturer.
- Children should remain in a booster seat until he/she is big enough that a seat belt fits snugly across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt lies snug across the shoulder and chest.
- Make sure you child's car seat is not expired. Car seats expire 6-10 years after their manufacture date.



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Parent Reminders

- **Opt-In** to sra417@yahoo.com with yours and your child's name to receive this newsletter by email!
- **Patterson Farm Field Trip: Oct. 4.** Money due by Sept. 27 (\$10 per child and per adult)
- Holiday Closings are posted in foyer and FB

Community Events

- Sept. 6-14, Cabarrus County Fair, Concord
- Sept. 20-28, Rowan County Fair, Salisbury
- Sept. 19, Stories by the Millstream Storytelling Hour, Salisbury Library, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sept. 21, Stand Together Music Festival, China Grove Hanna Park, 2-10 p.m.
- Sept. 28, Fire Truck Parade & Safety Festival, Kannapolis Downtown, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Emma Blais- 9/6
Brayson Miller- 9/8
Braxton Hawkins- 9/10
Brinlee Goodman- 9/10
Jace Moore- 9/10
Tucker Lotze- 9/16
Jackson Miller- 9/17
Tanner Mullis- 9/22
Diann Safrit- 9/29



Pete's Post

Pete is sporting his Hawaiian gear during the summer. He loves attention from both parents and children!

