

Safe Kids Nebraska



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Overview

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- Unintentional, or "accidental" injury is the leading cause of death and injury among children under the age of 14.
 - Safe Kids Nebraska is a network of local coalitions led by the state coalition working to prevent those injuries through grass-roots programs across the state.
 - From car seat checks, to water safety programs, bike rodeos, home safety programs and much more, local partners are working to make their communities safer.

9 Local Programs

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- Lincoln/Lancaster - Lincoln
 - Southeast - Auburn
 - Douglas County - Omaha
 - Sarpy/Cass- Papillion
 - Three Rivers - Fremont
 - South Central - Hastings
 - North Central – O'Neil
 - Platte Valley - Kearney
 - Public Health Solutions - Crete

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SK Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson,
Saline and Thayer
SK South East

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Nebraska Child Passenger Safety Restraint Law

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- LB 42 - Effective January 1, 2019
 - Changed Nebraska car seat law to:
 - All children up to age **eight** must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved car seat or booster seat
 - Children ride rear-facing until up to age **two** or until they reach the upper weight or height limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.
 - Children up to age **eight** must ride in the back seat, as long as there is a back seat equipped with a seatbelt and is not already occupied by other children under eight years of age.

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- Children ages eight to eighteen must ride secured in a safety belt or child safety seat (booster seat).
 - Childcare providers must transport all children securely in an appropriate federally-approved child safety seat or safety belt.
 - Children up to age eighteen are prohibited from riding in cargo areas.
 - Violation carries a \$25 fine plus court costs and 1 point is assessed against the operator's driving record.

Child Passenger Safety

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- Child Passenger Safety Technicians provide education and teach correct car seat use/installation to parents/caregivers
 - Presentations – car seat checks
 - Community Events, Inspection Stations, One-on-One
 - COVID-19 - Virtual Seat Check

Virtual Car Seat Resources

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- Ultimate Car Seat Guide
 - www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/
 - Car Seat Manufacture Websites
 - Installation Videos
 - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia – car seat Installation videos
 - www.chop.edu/service/car-seat-safety-for-kids/index.html
 - NHTSA Parents Central -car seat information for parents
 - www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm

Injury Prevention Resources

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- www.safekids.org
 - Many handouts and information about preventing injuries in children
 - Most recent coronavirus topic
 - www.safekidsnebraska.org
 - Local Safe Kids program contact information
 - Calendar of community car seat checks
 - Listing of car seat inspection stations
 - <https://drivesmartne.org/get-seatiated>
 - Nebraska specific information- law cards, posters and media resources

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