Safe Kids Nebraska



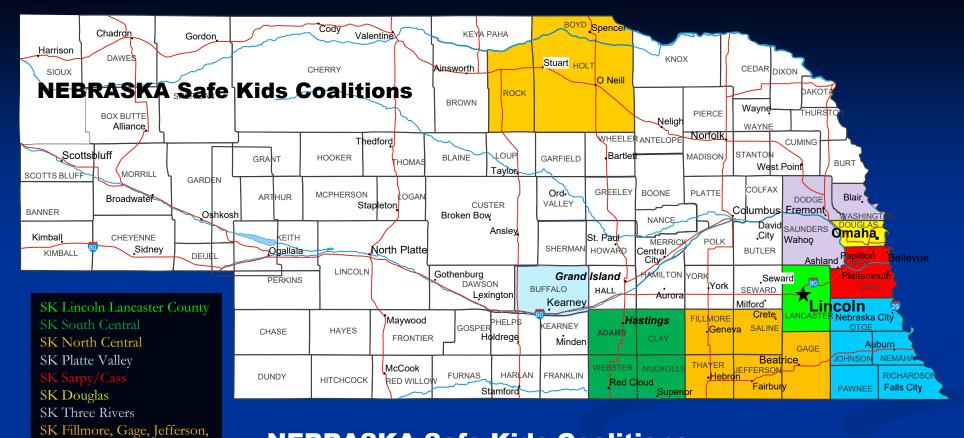
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Overview

- 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 grassroots 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

- 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



NEBRASKA Safe Kids Coalitions

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Nebraska Child Passenger Safety Restraint Law

- 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.

Nebraska Child Passenger Safety Restraint Law

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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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