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Team Kentucky Reminds Drivers To Check Child Safety Seats To Save Lives

Sept. 20-26 is National Child Passenger Safety Week; free checkup events hosted regionally

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 21, 2026) – To help keep all children on Kentucky roadways safe, Team Kentucky is joining other states across the nation for Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 20-26, to remind drivers traveling with children to check child seats' height and weight requirements for a safe and secure ride.

"Safety should always be the priority on the road, especially when it comes to our kids," said **Gov. Andy Beshear**. "Knowing your child seat's height and weight limits and making sure children are secured can make all the difference in keeping them safe."

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13, and research from the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](https://www.nhtsa.gov) shows that in 39% of child fatalities in 2024 the victims were unrestrained. NHTSA also reports that in passenger cars, car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers ages 1 to 4; and a reduction of 58% for infants and 59% for toddlers for light trucks.

"Prevention is key to ensuring our kids are kept safe," said **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman**. "Safety resources and experts are readily available to help caregivers have the peace of mind that their child's seat is age-appropriate and installed correctly."

Free checkup events occur at various locations throughout the year. For a list of checkup events hosted this week, or for more information like guidance on choosing and properly installing a child safety seat, Kentucky's child passenger safety laws and resources for finding a certified child passenger safety technician, visit the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety's [Child Passenger Safety webpage](#).

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