

Press Release



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Upper Providence Township Police to Participate in National Child Passenger Safety Week

Upper Providence – The Upper Providence Township Police Department in Montgomery County is encouraging motorists to participate in free child passenger safety seat checkups throughout Pennsylvania as agencies mark National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 14th-21st.

This year's theme, "Buckled Right – Know for Sure" aims to encourage parents and caregivers to select the correct child safety restraints for their child's age and size as well as properly secure children during every trip.

On an average day in Pennsylvania, there are about 340 reportable crashes on state highways. Research found that using the correct car seat reduces the chance of a fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers.

Children who are correctly buckled in a child safety seat, booster seat or seat belt benefit from the single most effective way to protect motor vehicle occupants and reduce fatalities in a crash. From 2009 – 2013, 81% of the children under age 4 who were involved in crashes and restrained in a car seat sustained no injury.

Child passenger safety includes all children from newborns through teenage drivers. The American Academy of Pediatrics provides best practice recommendations for the use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts for children of all ages. These recommendations are evidence-based, and Child Passenger Safety Week provides the perfect opportunity to evaluate the safety of the entire family in the family vehicle.

Under Pennsylvania's child passenger safety law, all drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate child restraint system. All children from birth up to age 4 must be secured in an approved child safety seat anywhere in the vehicle. All children age 4 up to age 8 must be secured in a seat belt system and appropriate child booster seat anywhere in the vehicle.

All children age 8 up to age 18 must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle. Under Pennsylvania's seat belt law, all drivers are responsible for the front seat occupants to wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt system. All drivers under 18 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle in which the number of passengers exceeds the number of available safety seat belts in the vehicle.

For more information on how to keep passengers safe visit www.pakidstravelsafe.org or call 1-800-CAR-BELT.

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