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## Center for Traffic Safety and the Safe Kids York County Buckle Up Team to Participate in 2022 National Child Passenger Safety Week

**York County** - Motor vehicle crashes remain a leading killer of children. Parents and caregivers want to ensure that children are as safe as possible, no matter the situation. Correctly installed car seats and booster seats are a critical component for safety when children are traveling in a vehicle. The latest research shows that nearly half (46%) of car seats are misused. Children who are correctly buckled in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt benefit from the single most effective way to protect motor vehicle occupants and reduce fatalities in a crash.

The Center for Traffic Safety and Safe Kids York County team of certified child passenger safety technicians are participating in Child Passenger Safety Week from September 18-24, 2022. The campaign is dedicated to helping parents and caregivers make sure their children ride as safely as possible. "The Road to Safety" is this year's theme and we are urging parents and caregivers to protect their families by examining their car seats and booster seats for correct use.

Parents and other caregivers are invited to attend one of the free car seat check up events planned for this week. Certified technicians will be available to answer questions and help caregivers with the proper use and installation of their child's safety seat.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

TIME: 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Spring Garden Twp PD  
341 Tri Hill Rd, York

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

TIME: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

LOCATION: GIANT Dillsburg  
830 North U.S. 15, Dillsburg

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

TIME: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Morning Sun Marketplace  
5309 Lincoln Highway, Thomasville

Parents and caregivers need to make certain they and their children are properly buckled on every trip – including short trips close to home. Sadly, three children under 14 were killed every day in 2020 while riding in vehicles. No parent ever wants to get it wrong when it comes to a child's safety. "When it comes to correctly using a car seat, do not think you know, know for sure that a child is secure in their car seat, booster seat, or seat belt that is right for their age and size," said Missy Sweitzer with the Center for Traffic Safety. Using the correct car seat reduces the chance of fatal injury for infants by 71 percent and toddlers by 54 percent. Make certain that everyone in the car is protected, and every child is in a correctly used and installed car seat. Always select a car seat based on the child's age, weight, and height.

In Pennsylvania, the driver is responsible for securing children in the appropriate child restraint system. Children from birth up to age four must be secured in an approved child safety seat anywhere in the vehicle. A child younger than two years of age shall be secured in a rear-facing car seat, to be used until the child outgrows the maximum weight and height limits designated by the car seat manufacturer. Children ages four to age eight must be in a booster seat and secured with a lap and shoulder belt anywhere in the vehicle. Children ages eight 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 passengers to wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt. All drivers under 18 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle in which the number of passengers exceeds the number of available seat belts in the vehicle. For information about other car seat checkup locations and discounted car seat distribution/loaner programs for parents unable to afford a car seat, call Safe Kids York County at 888-232-SAFE (7233).

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