

# CHILD SAFETY BLOG

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## Child safety seat inspections: Get one free this Saturday

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Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for children ages 3 and older, and one contributing factor is that nearly 75% of child car seats aren't installed or used properly.

As part of its continuing mission to correct this situation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) established Child Passenger Safety Week, an annual campaign to bring public attention to the importance of properly securing children in appropriate child safety seats, booster seats or seat belts at all times.

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This year, Child Passenger Safety Week runs from September 19 to 25, culminating on September 25 with "National Seat Check Saturday," when certified child passenger safety technicians will provide free advice and hands-on child safety seat inspections across the U.S.

Currently, all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have laws requiring that children be restrained in motor vehicles. According to the NHTSA, child restraints have saved a total of 8,959 lives over the past 30 years. And a recent NHTSA study indicated that in rollover crashes (which had the highest incidence rates of incapacitating injuries for children), the estimated incidence rate of incapacitating injuries among unrestrained children was almost three times that for restrained children. In near-side impacts, unrestrained children were eight times more likely to sustain incapacitating injuries than children restrained in child safety seats.

Source: [National Highway Traffic Safety Association](#).

Find out where to get your child's safety seat or booster seat inspected [here](#).

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