



## Car Seat Check Events

Many parents and caregivers are unaware of the importance of proper use and installation of child passenger safety restraints and related laws. Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old in the United States.

**Help us ensure that every child is properly restrained in safety seats.**

[The Southeast Coalition for Roadway Safety](#), [Cape Girardeau Safe Communities](#) and other local partners will be hosting Car Seat Check Events throughout southeast and south central Missouri the week of September 23. This **free** event is part of National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 17-23. Parents and caregivers with small children can ensure their car seats are installed correctly by visiting an inspection station at one of the locations listed below. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will: provide education, perform car seat inspections, review expiration dates, discuss car seat installation, usage and car seat recalls. Checks take an average of 30 minutes to complete. For a full list of inspection stations throughout Missouri, click [here](#).

### Quick Tips for Families:

**Wear your seat belt:** Be sure everyone else in the car buckles up, too. When adults wear seat belts, kids use car seats, booster seats and seat belts. Set a good example and buckle up every ride, every time.

**Place kids under 13 in a back seat:** It's the safest place for them to ride.

**Never leave your child alone in a car, even for a minute:** A car can heat up 19 degrees in just 10 minutes.

**Make sure your child is riding safely.** Visit a car seat check event to see if you are using your car seat correctly. Common errors include a loose harness, not using the seat belt or LATCH system to properly secure a car seat, failing to correctly use the tether and being unaware of the risks of using a second-hand car seat or booster. A Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician can help you protect your child.

Click [here](#) for more information and additional resources on Child Passenger Safety.

Questions? Contact Emily Church at Cape Girardeau Safe Communities, 573-339-6365 or Ashley Metelski at MoDOT, 573-380-9432.



## Promotional Flyers

Please help us promote these events in your area. Flyers have been created for printing and social media sharing purposes. If you have any issues with the files, please contact Ashley Metelski,


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## Event Information

Date	Agency	Time	Location	Contact	Phone Number
Sept. 18	Perry County Health Department	9am-3pm	Perry County Health Department 406 N Spring St # 1, Perryville, MO 63775	Angie Schuessler or Danielle Verseman	573-547-6564
Sept. 20	Wright County Health Department	8am-12pm & 1-3:30pm	Wright County Health Department, 602 E State St, Mountain Grove, MO 65711	Courtne Glenn	417-926-0009
Sept. 23	Cape Girardeau Fire Department	10am-1pm	Fire Station #1 1 S. Sprigg Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	Prior to event, please contact Emily Church to make an appointment.	573-339-6365
Sept. 23	Dunklin County Health Department	10am-1pm	Dunklin County Health Department 402 Recovery Rd, Kennett, MO 63857	Prior to event, please contact Kim Hughes to make an appointment.	573-888-9008
Sept. 23	Farmington Fire Department	10am-1pm	Farmington Fire Department 222 E Columbia St, Farmington, MO 63640	Prior to event, please contact Emily Church to make an appointment.	573-339-6365

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Sept. 23	Howell County Health Department	9am-1pm	Go Farm Farmer's Market 805 Worley Dr, West Plains, MO 65775	Dawn Hicks	417-256-7078
Sept. 23	Jackson Fire Department	8am-11am	Jackson Fire Department 525 S Hope St, Jackson, MO 63755	Michael Gentry	573-243-1010
Sept. 23	Poplar Bluff Fire Department	10am-1pm	Poplar Bluff Fire Department 300 S Broadway St, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901	Prior to event, please contact Emily Church to make an appointment.	573-339-6365
Sept. 23	Stoddard County Ambulance Service		Stoddard County Ambulance Service 501 W Business 60, Dexter, MO 63841	David Jones	417-988-4060
Sept. 23	Texas County Health Department	9am-11am	Texas County Health Department 950 US-63, Houston, MO 65483	Megan Carver or Johnna Cook	417-967-4131


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**Stats & Facts**

# 9 Children

Younger than 8 years old were killed as occupants in motor vehicle crashes in Missouri in 2021.

# 46

# Percent

Of child passenger safety seats are improperly installed according to NHTSA.

# 39

# Percent

In 2021, when the driver was not buckled, 39% of children killed or seriously injured were also not restrained.

# 17

# Percent

Of children killed or seriously injured were not restrained when the driver was buckled up in 2021.

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