

# Child Safety E-Newsletter



Every Child, A Safe Child.



## Upcoming Car Seat Events

**4/4- L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/5- Mohegan 12-3 PM**

**4/6-L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/7- Norwich FD 10-1PM**

**4/11-L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/12- Mohegan 12-3 PM**

**4/13- L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/17-Mohegan 4:30-7:30 PM**

**4/18-L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/19-Mohegan 12-3 PM**

**4/20-L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/25-L&M 4-7 PM**

**4/26-Mohegan 12-3 PM**

**4/27-L&M 4-7 PM**

**Please note:**

**All Car Seat Checks are by Appointment ONLY!!!!**

**Please call at least a month prior to delivery if you are expecting.**

**Please bring your car seat, directions to the car seat, and the owners manual for your vehicle.**

**Appointments can be made by calling 442-0733**



Safe Kids monthly E-Newsletter contains information on new recalls, safety announcements, and events to help ensure your little ones safety all year long! Please call or email with your comments, suggestions or to sign up to receive your e-newsletter copy each month. [www.nlcsafekids.org](http://www.nlcsafekids.org)

## **Backovers and Driveway Safety**

*According to the data collection of the non-profit organization Kids in Cars since 2000, 695 children have died due to being left in vehicles or being backed over. While this topic may be upsetting for parents its important to know how to prevent it from ever happening to your children!*

### **Safety Tips Provided by Kids in Cars:**

Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even to run a quick errand.

**Kids in Cars** offers parents the following tips to help keep their children safe.

Plan ahead to use drive-through services where available such as pharmacies and banks. More and more services are adding drive-through convenience, including dry cleaners, restaurants, libraries, grocery stores, and even dog grooming. A quick search on the Internet will help you find convenient drive through services in your area.

Use your debit or credit card at the gas pump

If possible, leave your children with a responsible adult.

### **Kids in Cars Cont.....**

Keep vehicles locked at all times-even in the garage or driveway

Never leave your keys within the reach of children

Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle

Make sure all young passengers have left your car after it is parked

When a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks immediately

If a child is locked inside a vehicle get them out as quickly as possible. If they are hot or appear sick, call 911 or your local emergency number

For more information on preventing back-overs or for more information on Kids in Cars please visit [www.kidsincars.org](http://www.kidsincars.org)



“The best way to make children good is to make them happy” –Oscar Wilde

## Recall for April

### Child’s Death Prompts Replacement Program of Magnetic Building Sets

**Name of Product:** All Magnetix Magnetic Building Sets

**Importer:** Rose Art Industries Inc., of Livingston, N.J.

**Hazard:** Tiny magnets inside the plastic building pieces and rods can fall out. Magnets found by young children can be swallowed or aspirated. If more than one magnet is swallowed, the magnets can attract to each other and cause intestinal perforation or blockage, which can be fatal. This product is unsuitable for young children.

**Sold at:** Wal-Mart, Target, Toys R Us, Fred Meyer, Design Science Toys Ltd., A.C. Moore, and other toy and arts and crafts stores nationwide

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the magnetic sets and return the sets to Rose Art for a free replacement product suitable for young children under the age of 6.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Rose Art at (800) 779-7122 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit Rose Art’s Web site at [www.roseart.com](http://www.roseart.com)



## April 2-8 is Week of the Young Child

Safe Kids New London County offers baby and toddler safety tips

**New London** — April 2-8 is the 35th annual Week of the Young Child, and Safe Kids reminds parents and caregivers that early childhood education begins with safe spaces for babies and toddlers at home, at play and on the way. “Accidental injury is the leading killer of children ages 14 and under. Not disease, not violence, but traumatic injury from preventable accidents,” says Esther Schuman, Safe Kids New London County coordinator.

Basic safety tips for kids ages 0-3, as presented in the Safe Kids Worldwide educational video *Smart Parents, Safe Kids*, include:

- **In the nursery:** Remove pillows, soft bedding and toys from crib; put your baby “back to sleep” (face up) on a firm mattress. Keep cribs away from windows and furniture. Install guards on windows that you will open, and tie up cords on curtains and blinds. Install smoke alarms on every floor and outside all sleeping areas. Install safety gates at top and bottom of stairs.
- **In the kitchen:** Never leave a hot stove unattended. Keep hot liquids, poisons and electrical cords out of reach, and keep cleaning products and other poisons locked out of reach. Don’t let children under age 3 eat small, round or hard foods such as hot dogs, grapes, hard candy, nuts or popcorn.
- **In the bath:** Mix hot and cold water together, and test the temperature before putting the baby in. Set your hot water heater to 120 degrees to help prevent scalding. Never leave a baby alone in the bath.
- **On the playground:** Actively supervise children on the playground — be within arm’s reach. Avoid playgrounds with asphalt surfaces. Don’t let kids wear jewelry or drawstring clothes on the playground. Pools should be fenced on all four sides and have self-closing gates.
- **In the car:** Children under 13 should always ride in the back seat in proper restraints. Babies under 1 year old **and** 20 pounds must ride in a rear-facing car seat, reclined at a 45-degree angle. Always check the harness for proper fit.

For more information about baby safety topics such as childproofing, scalding, playground safety, drowning prevention and child passenger safety, call 860-442-0733.

Week of the Young Child, first observed in 1971, is coordinated each year by the National Association for the Education of Young Children to call attention to the importance of the preschool years as a “foundation for children’s success in school and later life.” For more information, visit [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).

Safe Kids NLC works to prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading killer of children 14 and under. Safe Kids NLC is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing accidental injury.

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