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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, or suggestions. Go to www.nlcsafekids.org today!!

Holiday Safety

If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids NLC recommends these precautions:

- Never leave a lit Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.
- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times. Do not put the tree near a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent.
- Decorate your tree with children in mind. Do not put ornaments that have small detachable parts or metal hooks, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Trim protruding branches at or below a child's eye level, and keep lights out of reach.

Safe Kids also offers these tips to prevent accidental poisoning:

- Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended.
- Color additives used in fireplace fires are a toxic product and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow sprays are also harmful if inhaled.
- Holly berries, mistletoe berries, poinsettias, amaryllis, boxwood, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy and Jerusalem cherry are all potentially harmful if eaten.
- For more information, or to find out whether other decorative plants and products are hazardous to children, call your local Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.



Child Safety Seat Inspections

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 4-7 PM, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, 1st level of the Parking Garage

Wednesdays 10-1 PM Mohegan Tribe Eagle View Garage, Sandy Desert Road, Uncasville

1st and 3rd Friday of the Month
Norwich Fire Department, 10 North Thames Street



Please note:
All Car Seat Checks are by Appointment ONLY!!!!

Please bring your car seat, directions to the car seat, and the owner's manual for your vehicle.

Call: (860) 442-0733



Carbon Monoxide: Invisible Winter Hazard

Safe Kids also recommends these precautions against CO poisoning:

- Prevent CO buildup in the first place — make sure heating appliances are in good working order and used only in well-ventilated areas.
- Don't run a car engine in the garage, even to warm it up; move the car outside first.
- Install a CO detector approximately 15 feet from every fuel-burning appliance and outside every sleeping area. Check the batteries monthly (when you check your smoke alarm batteries).
- Remember that cigarette smoke is another source of carbon monoxide.

If someone who has been in a poorly ventilated room with a fuel-burning appliance begins to feel nauseous, drowsy or confused, or complains of a headache, move the victim to fresh air and call 911. If more than one person in the home suddenly feels ill for no apparent reason, or if a CO alarm goes off, get everyone outside immediately and call the fire department from a pre-arranged meeting place.

“You should never ask your three-year-old brother to hold a tomato.”

-Alecia, age 12

New London — As colder weather approaches, Safe Kids reminds parents and caregivers that space heaters can cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to build up in the home. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, invisible gas that can build up near fuel-burning appliances such as ovens, generators and supplemental heaters.

“We all know it's essential to have working smoke alarms in every sleeping area, but what about **carbon monoxide** detectors?” says Kelly Murphy, Safe Kids assistant coordinator. “Carbon monoxide can kill, and it can make a child seriously ill in small doses that might not noticeably affect an adult.”

Each year, in the United States, nearly 4,000 children are treated in emergency rooms for CO exposure — not counting fire-related cases — and nine die. “Half of all CO poisoning deaths could be prevented by CO detectors,” says Murphy. “CO detectors are available at hardware stores for about \$20, a small price to pay to help detect odorless, poisonous gases in the home.”



BACK IS BEST:
Kids under 13 should ride in the back seat on every ride!!!!!!



Even “big” 8-12 year olds need to be in the back seat.

Air Bags come out very fast (about 200 mph) and **children don't have the bone density to withstand the impact of an airbag.**

Even if you're 10 year old is taller and weighs more than you, it's **STILL NOT SAFE** to allow them in the front seat.

Keep them in the back and keep them

