

Child Safety E-Newsletter



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

Child Passenger Safety Week- February 12- 18th

Child Passenger Safety Week occurs each year, bringing public attention to the importance of safely transporting children.

For Child Passenger Safety Week 2006, Safe Kids will focus on educating and guiding parents on correct booster seat use.

We plan to teach parents and caregivers that children between 4 to 12 years of age and 40 to 100 pounds and under 5 feet tall should sit on booster seats to obtain the maximum benefit from the vehicle safety belt system.

Two types of booster seats to use depending on you car...

- High-back booster seat. If your car's seats back is lower than your child's ears, use this high back booster seat to help protect your child's head and neck.



Highback Booster

- Platform (Low-back) booster seat - for vehicles that have head and neck protection



Low-Back Booster

Booster Seats cont....

New law -effective Oct 1, 2005 requires that all children through age 6 (7th birthday) and 60 pounds use a Booster seat in CT

Going for a trip? Booster seat Laws in neighboring states

- ME - 8 years old, 80 pounds
- MA- 5 years old, 40 pounds
- NH-6 years old, >55 inches
- RI- 8 years old, >54
- VT- 8 years old

Safe bet- Following American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations children should stay in a booster seat til 8 years of age or 4'9!

Back Seat is Best- Children 13 and under should sit in the back seat of a vehicle. Air bags are potentially dangerous to young children.

Lap and Shoulder belts- in order to use a booster seat, children must use both the lap and shoulder belt seat belts- lap belt only seat belts do not protect the upper body. If you have lap belt only seat belts in your vehicle - you are exempt from the new law.

Confused?/Questions? Call Us! 442-0733

Upcoming Car Seat Events

2/1—Mohegan 12-3 PM

2/2- L&M 4-7 PM

2/3-Norwich FD 10-1PM

2/7-L&M 4-7 PM

2/8- Mohegan 12-3 PM

2/9-L&M 4-7 PM

2/11-Valenti's Auto Mall

Mystic 10-2 PM no appointment needed for this event

2/14-L&M 4-7 PM

2/15-Mohegan 12-3 PM

2/16-L&M 4-7 PM

2/21-L&M 4-7 PM

2/22-Mohegan 12-3 PM

2/23-L&M 4-7 PM

2/28-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



There never was a child so lovely, but his mother was glad to get him asleep- [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)



Recalls for January

Please go to www.recalls.gov for all the latest recalls and safety information.

Heater Recalled: Name of Product: Maxi-Heat™ Dream Tower Heater

Hazard: The wires inside the oscillating heater can short circuit and spark, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Description: The recalled model is CH920. The ceramic portable electric heaters are the oscillating tower type.

Sold at: Wal-Mart stores nationwide from August 2005 through December 2005 for about \$40.



Moldy Baseball Gloves: Name of Product: Mizuno "Gamer" Baseball Gloves

Hazard: These gloves could contain aspergillus mold. Such mold usually does not affect healthy individuals, but could cause respiratory or other infections in individuals with chronic health problems or in individuals who have impaired immune systems.

Description: The recall includes all Mizuno "Gamer" baseball gloves. These gloves have the word "Gamer" printed on the palm of the gloves.

Sold at: Sporting goods stores nationwide from July 2005 through October 2005 for about \$80.

Home Safety Tips

Crib Safety

- Always lock side rails
- Corner posts should be 1/16 of an inch or shorter
- Distance of crib slats should be 2 3/8 or less

Bath Time Safety

- Children **must** be watched every second in the bathroom
- Set your water heater at 120 degrees or less
- Always check bath water for 'hot spots'
- Consider anti-scald devices for faucets or showerheads

Stairs and Furniture Safety

- Never leave baby unattended
- Keep one hand on baby when changing diaper
- Use safety gates at top and bottom of stairs

Carbon/Smoke Detectors

- Even small amounts of carbon monoxide can cause life threatening illness or death in young children
- Place carbon monoxide detectors near the sleeping area. Additional detectors on every level and in every bedroom of a home provides extra protection.
- Check smoke alarms once a month
- Plan and practice home escape routes

Safeguarding windows

- Install safety guards on 2nd floor and higher windows
- Never place a crib near a window
- Use safety tassels or cord windups with curtains or blinds

Poison Safety

- Buy child resistant packaging
- Keep poisonous substances and plants out of sight and reach of children
- Secure appropriate cabinet doors and drawers with cabinet locks

Source: National Safe Kids Campaign



Children need love, especially when you think they do not deserve it.

-Harold S. Hubert (adapted)

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