



# **Mental Health and Recovery Services Board**

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## **Child Passenger Safety Week** September 23-29

**Tiffin, OH** – Every day, millions of parents and guardians travel with children in their vehicles. While some children are buckled-in properly in the correct car seat for their age and size, most are not. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 46 percent of car seats are misused. To help combat this issue, the Child Passenger Safety Week campaign is dedicated to help parents and guardians make sure their children ride as safely as possible.

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. Many times, deaths and injuries can be prevented by the proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts. Using car seats that are age and size appropriate is the best way to keep children safe. Below are tips on how to keep children safe in the car:

- Keep children rear-facing as long as possible, up to the top height and weight allowed.
- Once a child outgrows the rear-facing size limits, the child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.
- After outgrowing the forward-facing car seat, the child should be placed in booster seats until they're the right size to use seat belts safely.
- Register your car seat and booster seat with the manufacturer so you can be notified in the event of a recall.
- Too often, parents move their children to the front seat before they should, which increases the risk of injury and death – even if they are buckled up. The safest place for all kids under the age of 13 is in the back seat.
- Ensure children, regardless of age, are buckled up – every trip, every time.

Seneca County Safe Communities' National Seat Check Saturday event will be held at Hedges Boyer Park on September 29, 2018 beginning at 9 a.m. The Tiffin Fire Department will offer free car seat checks and provide information on how to install and use car seats correctly.

To view more information on car seat safety and locate a certified technician, please visit [nhtsa.gov/carseat](http://nhtsa.gov/carseat).

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