

Safe Kids Indiana

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PLAN YOUR EVENTS:

Child Passenger Safety Week is Sept. 18-24, 2011

Seat Check Saturday is Sept. 24, 2011

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15, 2011

National School Bus Safety Week is Oct. 17-21, 2011

Halloween Walk This Way Events are Oct. 10-31, 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The 2012 Injury Prevention Conference sponsored by Safe Kids Indiana and the Automotive Safety Program is scheduled for May 3-4, 2012.

Registration materials will be sent via e-mail later in the year.

We hope to see you at the conference next year!

Did You Know?

Within 10 minutes, the inside temperature of a vehicle will be almost 20 degrees hotter than the outside temperature. After 30 minutes the vehicle's temperature will be 34 degrees hotter.

In 2010, 49 children died from heat stroke when they were left unattended in vehicles. The most common scenarios for these preventable tragedies were:

- Driver became distracted and forgot there was a child in the vehicle
- Driver intentionally left the child in the vehicle while running an errand
- Driver left the vehicle unlocked (or the keys

were in reach) and the child climbed into the vehicle to play

Prevention Tips

1. Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car.
2. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.
3. Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, or gym bag on the floor in the backseat.
4. Set your cell phone or Blackberry reminder to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
5. Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off at daycare today?"
6. Have a plan that if your child is late for daycare, you will be called within a few minutes.
7. Teach children not to play in any vehicles.
8. Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach.
9. Check vehicles and trunks first if a child goes missing.

Go to www.safekids.org for more information!

Safety-related legislation updates:

1. Effective July 1, 2011: Indiana drivers are prohibited from typing, sending, or reading text messages or emails on cell phones, unless on hands-free or voice-operated devices.

2. Effective July 1, 2011: Student athletes are to be re-

moved immediately from athletic activities if it is suspected they have sustained a head injury. In order to return to play, injured athletes must be evaluated and cleared by a health care provider trained in head injury assessment.

3. Effective July 1, 2011: Mo-

torists do not have to yield the right of way to pedestrians at crosswalks if the "pedestrian hybrid beacon" is not flashing.

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Safe Kids Indiana
Preventing
Injuries:
At Home,
At Play,
And On The Way!

Safety-related legislation updates (Cont.)

4. Effective July 1, 2011: Handgun owners are allowed to transport their weapons in more instances without a gun license. New laws also pre-empt local level restrictions on gun use and ownership.

5. Effective July 1, 2011: The manufacture, sale, and possession of the key ingredients found in the synthetic drug “bath salts” are banned in Indiana. Use of

this drug has resulted in multiple calls to the Indiana Poison Center this year, with children comprising the majority of cases.

6. Indiana Senate Bill 211 (in committee): Requires the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in residential homes, hotels, and motels.

New State Coordinator

The new Safe Kids Indiana coordinator, Jamie Smith, started on June 20, 2011. Jamie was born and raised in Indiana, and she received

her Bachelor’s degree in anthropology from IUPUI. She travelled West for graduate training in biological anthropology at the University of New Mexico and public health at the University of Arizona.

Her previous position was as the Program Manager for Child Fatality Review at the Arizona Department of Health Services. She has recently returned to Indiana with her dog, Bishop.



Applications for “Start Safe: A Safe Travel Program for Families of Preschoolers” are due July 15, 2011.

Applications for Walk This Way Halloween Grants are due July 15, 2011.

Applications for the Walk This Way Task Force are due July 15, 2011.

The National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety has released a call for proposals for

Grant Opportunities

special project and pilot study funds to support small-scale projects and pilot studies that address prevention of childhood agricultural disease and injury. The deadline is August 19, 2011.

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation provides support for pro-

grams in the areas of child health and wellness, including child safety organizations. Grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until October.

For more information about any of these grant opportunities, please contact Jamie Smith at smithjak@iupui.edu or 317.948.3218.

International Walk to School Day

Join Safe Kids chapters and coalitions across the state as we celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th. Many school-aged children will be participating in the Walk This Way program, which is designed to promote pedestrian safety. Please consider hosting an event in your community!

Welcome New Safe Kids Chapters!
Starke County
Bartholomew County
Tippecanoe County