



Community Feature Human Services

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**WAKE TO HOLD SEAT CHECK EVENT FOR
NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK**

Wake County will hold three events during the week of Sunday, Sept. 16 through Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, to assist parents and caregivers with keeping their children safe in vehicles. Child Passenger Safety checks will be conducted at the following locations:

CANCELED: Tuesday, September 18, 2-4 p.m.

Wake County Human Services Southern Regional Center
130 N. Judd Parkway NE, Fuquay-Varina

Thursday, September 20, 2-4 p.m.

Wake County Human Services Public Health Center
10 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh

Friday, September 21, 1-4 p.m.

Wake County Human Services Millbrook Center
2809 E. Millbrook Road, Raleigh

Certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians will check car seats for proper installation, and advise parents and caregivers how to choose the right car seats and install them properly in their vehicles.

Motor Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages one to 13. 2010 crash data from the US Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that nearly two children, 12 or younger, were killed each day and 325 were injured in passenger vehicles.

“You can never predict or control what other drivers might do, or how the weather might change the safety of a roadway,” said Suzanne LeDoyen, Wake County’s Buckle-Up Coordinator. “The best way to protect your kids is to put them in the right car seats for their age and size, and use their seats correctly on every trip, every time. By attending one of the county’s car seat checks, parents and caregivers can be sure their kids are riding as safely as possible.”

The NHTSA car seat recommendations state that parents and caregivers should keep children in their restraint type for as long as possible according to manufacturer's instructions before moving them to the next type. For maximum safety, a parent or caregiver should have the car seat installation inspected by a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to ensure their children are in the right seat for their age and size. Children 12 and under should always ride in the back seat.

In addition to the scheduled events, the public may make a free appointment anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Wake County Human Services Permanent Checking Station, or by calling 919-250-3989. The station is located at 10 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh.

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