



Community Feature Human Services

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SAFETY FIRST FOR CHILD PASSENGERS

The Wake County Buckle Up Program, in partnership with the Wake County District Attorney's Office, Safe Kids North Carolina, NC Governors Highway Safety Program and local law enforcement agencies across Wake County, launched the Wake County Child Passenger Safety Diversion Project in May.

The new Diversion Project allows motorists, who are issued citations for not having young passengers in child restraints, to have their citations dismissed if they visit a participating agency to learn how to properly use their restraints.

"Many drivers fail to comply with the law by choosing not to use child restraints altogether or by using their seats improperly, which may lead to lifelong consequences of injury or even death," said Suzanne LeDoyen, Wake County Buckle Up coordinator.

In order to comply, the person that received the ticket must bring their child, correct child restraint, valid ID and their ticket to one of the following locations for validation.

Agency	Location	Hours	Contact
Apex Fire Department, Station 3	736 Hunter St., Apex	Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.	919-362-4001
Cary Police Department, Fire Station, 2	875 S.E. Maynard Road, Cary	Wednesdays, 11 a.m-1 p.m.	919-469-4012
El Pueblo, Inc.*	700 Blue Ridge Road, suite 101, Raleigh	Mondays through Thursdays, call for an appointment	919-835-1525
Fuquay-Varina Fire Department, Station 1	301 S. Fuquay Ave., Fuquay- Varina	Tuesdays, 4-7 p.m.	919-552-0422
Holly Springs Police Department, Fire Station 2	1140 Avent Ferry Road, Holly Springs	Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.	919-552-7110

Knightsdale Public Safety	976 Steeple Square Court, Knightsdale	Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m.	919-217-2271
Morrisville Fire Department, Station 1	200 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville	Mondays, 4-7 p.m.	919-463-6120
Morrisville Fire Department, Station 2	10632 Chapel Hill Road, Morrisville	Mondays, 4-7 p.m.	919-463-6140
Morrisville Fire Department, Station 3	6900 Carpenter Fire Station Road, Morrisville	Mondays, 4-7 p.m.	919-436-6940
Wake County Human Services	10 Sunnybrook Road, Raleigh	First Wednesday of each month, 2-5 p.m.	919-250-3989
Zebulon Fire Department	113 E. Vance Street, Zebulon	Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.	919-269-6487

*Spanish speaking only.

North Carolina Law requires all passengers in a vehicle to buckle up. Children are required to use a car seat until they are at least 8 years old or 80 pounds (whichever comes first) and the vehicle seat belt must fit properly on its own.

For more information, call Suzanne LeDoyen, Wake County Buckle Up Coordinator at 919-250-3989.

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