

SAFE K:DS UPSTATE

Happy New Year to you and yours!

Safe Kids Upstate hopes that everyone had a safe holiday season with their family and friends. Entering a new year brings many resolutions and opportunities, and we hope that this year you make the commitment with us to keep your children safe! The January/February 2018 edition of the Safe Kids Upstate Newsletter contains information about:

Safe Sleep

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Safe Sleep for Your Baby

Unintentional suffocation is the leading cause of injury-related death among children under 1 year of age.



Nearly three-quarters of suffocation deaths among infants are from accidental suffocation or strangulation in bed. Learn the ABC's of Safe Sleep to help your baby sleep safely and to reduce your baby's risk of sleep-related infant death:

A - Alone

- Your baby should NOT sleep in an adult bed, on a couch, with another child, or with you.

B - Back

- Always place your baby on his or her back to sleep, for naps and at night.

C - Crib

Use safety-approved cribs (click here to check for recalls), portable play areas and keep crib-bumpers (including mesh), blankets, pillows, and soft toys out of

the safe sleeping place.

[Click here for more safe sleep information.](#)

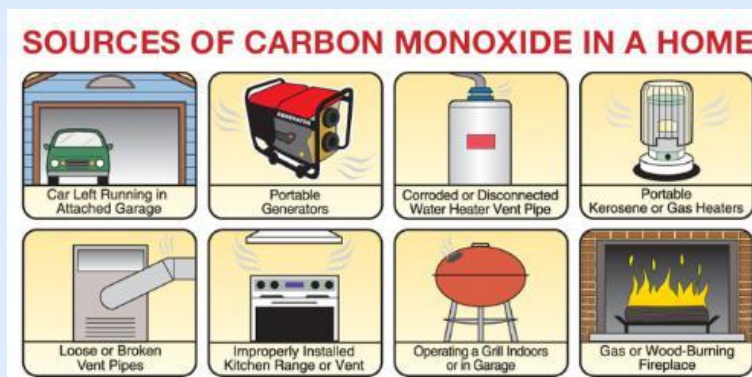
TV Safety

Every hour, a child goes to the ER because of a TV tip-over. Seven out of 10 kids injured by TV tip-overs are ages 5 and under. Some ways to prevent tip-overs include:

- Properly place your old TV. If you have a heavier, box-styled TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture that is appropriate for the TV's size and weight.
- Secure your flat TV. Be sure your flat-panel TV is properly secured with a wall mount that has a safety certification by an independent laboratory (you would see UL, CSA, ETL on the back of the product's case).
- If you don't want to mount the TV, safely secure it on your TV stand. Use Anti-Tip TV straps appropriately to secure your TV.



[Click here to learn more.](#)



Safe Kids Upstate Receives Grant to promote Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention

Invisible and odorless, the "silent killer" Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning has proven to be a dangerous threat to American families with 400 people killed and 21,000 sent to emergency rooms due to unintentional poisonings every year. Young kids are at a greater risk, with a quarter of all CO-related calls to poison control centers in 2015 being for children. To raise awareness about this issue and encourage families to be prepared, Safe Kids Upstate was awarded a grant to join Safe Kids Worldwide, Kidde, the National Association of State Fire Marshalls and other experts for National CO Awareness Week from November 5-12, 2017. Heath's Haven and the POPS program in Oconee County hosted parent group meetings to share this vital information. We appreciate the opportunity to work together with our partners to educate and inform our community.

Internet Safety

As society becomes more and more electronically dependent, we need to be vigilant in monitoring what our children are accessing to ensure they are viewing appropriate content. Safe Kids Upstate recently published a blog about internet safety with some great information and pointers about keeping your child/children safe.

[Click here to view the article.](#)

New Car Seat Inspection Station in Oconee County



On January 17, 2018, Walhalla Fire Department will have their first day of Car Seat Inspections! Prior to Walhalla Fire Department's participation, Seneca Fire Department was the only Fire Department in the county with Child Passenger Safety Technicians to conduct car seat checks once a month. Walhalla will check seats every other month from 2pm-5pm. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment at this or any of our other Safe Kids Upstate Car Seat Inspection locations, [click here](#) today!

Safety Travel for All Children

In early November, three Safe Kids Upstate staff members became certified in Special Health Care Needs Child Passenger Safety. Students came from Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina to take this training. They learned a lot about various physical and mental health conditions and received hands-on training. Some of the trained staff has already helped children in the special needs community. Safe Kids Upstate looks forward to continuing to help all children!



Belmont Fire Department



The Belmont Fire Department has been an integral part of the Safe Kids Upstate Child Passenger Safety Program. Belmont Fire Department is led by Chief Anthony Segars who has served as chief since May of 1995 and has served the Belmont Fire Department since 1983. Chief Segars is a member of the Safe Kids Upstate Greenville Coalition and just this past October spoke to the coalition about Fire Prevention and Safety. Belmont Fire Department has many dedicated CPS technicians who are a very active part of their monthly inspection station. Carson Couch is the lead liaison of the of the CPS Station and his dedication to the safety of children shines through along with the 8 other CPS techs at Belmont Fire Department. Appointments are available at Belmont Fire on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4pm-8pm. If you are interested in following the Belmont celebrity cat, Flame, you can join along with 32,000 other Instagram followers at [@flamethearsoncat](https://www.instagram.com/flamethearsoncat).



Safe Kids Day at the Drive

Safe Kids Day at the Drive is three months away and we are excited for the festivities this year! Teenagers will get to experience our driving course. there will also be face painting, bouncy houses, water balloon games and more, all with the theme of safety. This event is included with your Drive Game ticket. Any student who attends a Greenville, Pickens, or Oconee county elementary school can complete the home safety challenge and receive a free Drive Game ticket. Stay tuned to learn more.

Businesses or organizations interested in becoming a **FREE** vendor or sponsoring a Safe Kids Upstate initiative, [click here!](#)

Recent Events

In 2017, Safe Kids Upstate participated in more than 120 community events throughout

the Upstate. Our goal at each event is to raise community awareness of children's safety issues and decrease unintentional injuries in children between the ages of 0-19. If you would like to support Safe Kids Upstate, please become a sponsor by clicking the link below!

[Safe Kids Upstate Day at the Drive Vendor/Sponsor Form](#)

Enchanted Forest

Safe Kids Upstate supported Greenville County Recreation at Enchanted Forest. Parents and children learned about Halloween candy safety. They also earned a little treat to take home with them!



Reverse Trick-or-Treat

Children's Hospital of the Greenville Health System hosted their annual Reverse Trick-or-Treat for hospitalized children. Safe Kids Upstate participated this year handing out lot's of goodies including pencils, blinking lights, and crayons. Children were especially happy to see Princess Ana!

Graco Car Seat Events

Safe Kids Upstate held two additional car seat events this past month to help families get properly fitted car seats. These events, held at the Meyers Center for Special Children and Rock Springs Church in Easley, educated families about child passenger safety, how to properly put their car seat in a car, and more.



Upcoming Events

January 17th from 1pm-2pm at 207 E. North Broad Street Walhalla, SC

- **Walhalla Car Seat Inspection Station Grand Opening**
- **Seat checks will be from 2pm to 5pm**
- **Please schedule an appointment by clicking here**

February 7th from 9am-1pm at Pickens Library

- **Read, Rattle, and Roll with Help Me Grow**

February 16th from 8am-4pm at the Greenville Marriot

- **SC Trauma Symposium**

Interested in joining in the Safe Kids Upstate discussion?

Safe Kids Upstate has one coalition meeting each month in Greenville (4th Tuesday), Oconee (1st Wednesday), and Pickens County (3rd Wednesday). At these meetings we discuss concerns and opportunities about our children's safety. If you are interested in attending a meeting please email a Coordinator for information:

- Bridgette at bwatson@ghs.org for Greenville County
- Daby Snipes at dsnipes@ghs.org for Oconee County
- DeAndra at dreasonover@ghs.org for Pickens County



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