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NEW YEAR

Wishing you happy times, good cheer, and a memorable new year.

A new year brings new initiatives, new focus, and renewed commitments-- join us in making 2019 the safest year yet for kids!

In this issue you will find information regarding Safe Sleep, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) classes, Safe Kids Day at the Drive, baby home safety, and upcoming events.

Safe Sleep

Unintentional suffocation is the leading cause of injury-related death among children under 1 year of age. Nearly three-quarters of these deaths occur 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 death.

- **A--Alone** Your baby should NOT sleep in an adult bed, on a couch, with a blanket, stuffed animals, with another baby, 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, portable play areas and keep crib bumpers, pillows and soft toys out of the safe sleeping place.

[Click here to learn more about Safe Sleep.](#)

Child Passenger Safety Classes

Have you heard about events where folks get personalized instruction on how to properly use their child's car seat? Join the team of over 42,000 nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) and be that community advocate or resource! As a CPS technician, you will put your knowledge to work through a variety of activities, including community presentations and/or child safety seat checks at your local community CPS inspection station where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and seat belts. If you are interested in finding out more information about how to become a CPS Technician or to sign up for an upcoming class, please visit <https://cert.safekids.org>

Safe Kids Day at the Drive

Start the countdown for Safe Kids Day at the Greenville Drive on Sunday, April 7th 2019. Prepare to have fun celebrating our school safety patrols and safety leaders across the Upstate. SKU will host a variety of injury prevention booths with fun and interactive games. If your organization is interested in becoming a vendor or sponsoring injury prevention programs [click here](#). [Click here to learn more about Safe Kids at the Drive!](#)



Do you have a student looking for volunteer hours? Email Daby Snipes dsnipes@ghs.org to learn how you can work to gain volunteer hours at Safe Kids Day at the Drive.

Baby Home Safety

Everyday, 10,000 children are sent to Emergency Rooms across the country from injuries happening in the home. Home injuries are the number one reason children enter our Trauma Center. Injuries include falls, burns, cuts, and poisonings. Injury related deaths like drownings and suffocation occur in the home, as well. To start the year off right, make sure your house is as safe as it can be. [Click here for some important home safety tips.](#)

Upcoming Community Events

Greenville County

- February 5-----Meet Your Health Care Neighbors Event
- February 7-----Little Steps Car Seat Education Class
- February 19-----Compass Carolina Event
- March 26-----Greenville County SKU Coalition Meeting

Oconee County

- February 9-----Walhalla Wellness Event
- March 6-----Oconee County SKU Coalition Meeting

Pickens County

- March 20-----Pickens County SKU Coalition Meeting

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