

## Baby Safety Month - Safe Sleep

### Always remember the ABCs!

**About 2,300 babies die from SIDS each year in the United States.**

Using safe sleep practices not only protects a child from SIDS, but also other factors, such as choking and suffocation.

Always make sure that your baby is ALONE, on their BACK and in their CRIB while asleep (the ABC's of Safe Sleep). If you get sleepy while holding your child in a chair or rocker, make sure to place your child in their own safe sleep environment (like a crib or pack n play).

The following is a list of "dos & don't" while ensuring your baby is sleeping as safely as possible:

[CLICK HERE to download the DO's & DON'T of Sleep Safety Checklist.](#)



## National Child Passenger Safety Week

Child Passenger Safety Week occurs during the week of September 19-25, 2021. This week takes time to promote awareness about the unfortunate occurrence of infant injuries resulting from car crashes. Unfortunately, car crashes are a leading cause of death amongst infants. In 2019, 608 child passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes. Additionally, in 2019, 38% of the children that died were unrestrained while riding in passenger vehicles, compared to only 33% in 2018.

On September 25, 2021, it is National Seat Check Saturday! Take the time to ensure your child's safety while riding along in a vehicle. Suppose you are uncertain that the installation of a child's car seat is correct. In that case, you can sign up today to make an appointment over getting virtual assistance for your car seat!

How to Properly Install a Child's Car Seat [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information on Child Passenger Safety Week, [CLICK HERE](#)

# SAFETY DEMONSTRATION HOUSE

## *Featuring the Bedroom Area*

### Featured Bedroom Safety Devices

**Furniture Straps.** About every 43 minutes, a child in the U.S. is injured from a TV or furniture tip-over incident. Make sure all of the heavy furniture is securely attached to the wall to prevent an accidental death of a child.

**Window Blind Cord Locks.** On average, there is one death or injury each month due to window cords. Make sure that blind cords are locked up, or even consider going cordless. Also, make sure that cord locks are correctly installed.

**Pack-n-Play.** There is no safe co-sleeping. A child can accidentally suffocate or even fall off of the bed unknowingly. Room sharing is encouraged for the first year of your child's life, but make sure they are at a safe length in a crib or a bassinet. --- what does length mean? We need to say - but make sure there is space in between where caregivers and baby sleeps in their own safe sleep environment.

**Gun Locks and Gun Safes.** Nearly 90% of unintentional shooting deaths in children occur in the home. Guns should be properly stored away and out of reach from any child within the household. Ammunition should be locked up in a separate location.

**Fire Safety: smoke alarms & fire safety window ladder.** Be sure to practice where your family goes, should a fire occur. Make sure that your smoke alarms have their batteries replaced accordingly. 50% of home fire deaths happen between 11 pm and 7 am. Consider doing "close before you doze", by having all of the doors closed throughout the house which can prevent a fire from spreading as fast.

Visit [Charlie's House Resource Center](#) to order home safety devices today.

**[CLICK HERE to schedule a tour of our Safety Demonstration House](#)**

**[CLICK to take a Safety Demonstration House virtual tour](#)**

Blue Springs Ford initiated the Helping Others program to support community organizations! Until September 30, you can go to the linked site and vote for Charlie's House. The organization the receives the most votes receives a check for \$1,000. This gift's impact on Charlie's House means we could provide an additional 350 safety devices to income-challenged families. It only takes 15 seconds! You can visit the site every day until the end of the month and vote. So please take 15 seconds of your time today and each day until September 30 to vote.



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