

# Prevention Pipeline

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## IT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES FORT BRAGG

The Fort Bragg Fire & Emergency Services first started providing Child Passenger Safety services in 2001. Like many other public safety organizations, the realization was made that there was a way to have a direct impact on an emergency scene before "911" was ever called. The goal of the CPS team then and now is to educate, train and assist parents and caregivers in order to prevent injuries or death to their child passengers in the event of a motor vehicle accident. Through the years preventing injuries to children remains a top priority.



The organization has grown through the years and so has the CPS team. They maintain 10 permanent checking stations located in four different counties: Cumberland, Harnett, Scotland and Moore. The support is provided by 32 certified CPS technicians and four CPS proxies. This team is dedicated to serving those that serve and visit the largest, by population, United States Army base.

Fort Bragg Fire & Emergency Services looks for opportunities to serve and impact the public. This is partially achieved through partnering with other organizations, as well as supporting and hosting public events. Since 2015 the CPS team has supported the Expectant Mother's Program on base by speaking quarterly with pregnant service members. Presenting the best practices, demonstrating proper infant carrier installation and answering questions helps both new and seasoned parents in transporting their children safely. Partnering with Womack Army Medical Center has also allowed several hundred expectant parents to visit the CPS team at a biannual maternity fair that is focused specifically on cultivating safe and healthy practices for growing families. The CPS team has also partnered with the Armed Services YMCA on post to provide more than 1,000 infant carriers over the course of six years to enlisted soldiers free of charge. Coupling a free car seat with priceless safety information allowed service members and their families to travel much safer. The potential to serve and support the public with their child passenger needs is not only seen on Fort Bragg, but also through many efforts to lead and support the local Safe Kids Cumberland County coalition.

The CPS team members both past and present have given their time and energy to do their part and impact the community they serve. Their efforts have been recognized at the local, state, and national levels in recent years.

## HAS YOUR VEHICLE BEEN RECALLED?

When a parent or caregiver attends a child safety seat check, Child Passenger Safety technicians always check to see if the car seat is under recall. This can be done by visiting [NHTSA.gov](http://NHTSA.gov) or using the UNC Highway Safety Research Center Car Seat Recall List at [buckleupnc.org](http://buckleupnc.org). But did you know that you can check to see if your vehicle is under recall on the NHTSA web site using the [VIN search tool](#)? Using this tool, the consumer can verify there are no safety related recalls on their vehicles. Consumers with active safety related recalls should contact their local car dealership for further assistance.

WHERE'S  
MY VIN ?

*Look on the lower left of your car's windshield for your 17-character Vehicle Identification Number. Your VIN is also located on your car's registration card, and it may be shown on your insurance card*

Baby,  
it's  
**hot**  
inside.



Within minutes,  
temperatures  
inside your  
vehicle can reach  
life-threatening  
levels.

**Look Before  
You Lock.**



## BABY, IT'S HOT INSIDE THAT CAR

It is hard to understand why people leave children in the car anytime of the year, but unfortunately it happens. In 2019, 51 children died in the United States as a result of heatstroke, including two right here in North Carolina. In just 10 minutes, or about the time it takes to run inside the store for a gallon of milk, a car can heat up 19 degrees, taking a vehicle on an average spring day in North Carolina from 75 degrees to more than 94 degrees. The fact that a child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's puts them at a greater risk. Furthermore, cracking a window or cloudy days do not keep the inside of the car cool like one might think. Research has determined that heatstroke deaths of children, as a result of being alone in a car, occur because of one of three reasons:

- Child was forgotten by caregiver (54%)
- Child was playing in an unattended vehicle and became trapped (29%)
- Child was intentionally left by an adult (17%)

This tragic consequence can happen to any family. Take time this month to help us bring awareness to this deadly consequence

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

The **Safe Kids Ultimate Car Seat Guide** website is a go-to site for everything child passenger safety seat. You can find resources on buying a car seat, proper installation, getting the right fit and when to graduate to the next seat. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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# OMG! MY TEEN IS DRIVING!

Parents protect their children from the day they are born. But there comes a time when teens leap toward their freedom in the family car. May is Teen Traffic Safety Month, and what better time than now to talk about teen drivers. In 2018, 67 teens age 15-19 died in car crashes in North Carolina with 49% of them not wearing a seatbelt. The facts are clear that teenage drivers have a high rate of crashes, mainly because of their immaturity and lack of skills and experience. Teens tend to speed, they make mistakes as they are not as experienced, and they get distracted easily.

Graduated driver licensing (GDL) system is designed to provide novice drivers with an opportunity to gain experience behind the wheel under specific conditions that minimize their risk. All states in the United States have some type of GDL system in place. In North Carolina, there are three levels in GDL: Level 1-a limited learner's permit; Level 2-a limited provisional license and Level 3- a full provisional license. Specific restrictions apply in all levels.

## LEVEL 1 LIMITED LEARNER'S PERMIT

A person at least age 15 and under age 18 may obtain a limited learner's permit if the person has passed a driver education course and a written test administered by DMV

## LEVEL 2 LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE

A person at least age 15 and under age 18 may obtain a limited learner's permit if the person has passed a driver education course and a written test administered by DMV

## LEVEL 3 FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSE

A person who is at least 16 but less than 18 may obtain a full provisional license if the person: has held a limited provisional license for at least six months and has not been convicted of a motor vehicle moving violation or seatbelt infraction during the preceding six months. The driver is granted full driving privileges at Level 3





# CPS TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION CLASSES

SAFE KIDS NC has canceled all CPS classes in May and June due to the uncertainty of the nationwide coronavirus health emergency.

For updated information on future classes, visit [buckleupnc.org](http://buckleupnc.org).

## BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

May 6 is National Bike to School Day. Even though schools likely won't be in session because of the coronavirus, it's still important that children know how to bike safely. It's an opportunity for parents and friends to promote biking as a safe and fun way to travel, while

highlighting important bike safety information, like wearing a helmet. It's important for bicyclists to wear properly fitted bicycle helmets every time they ride. More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport.

Safe Kids NC reminds families to follow these tips when biking:

- Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals. Stop at all stop signs and stoplights.
- Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers to make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.
- When your kids are riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, make sure they use lights – and make sure their bikes have reflectors as well.
- It's also smart to have them wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve visibility to motorists.
- Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.



## SAFE KIDS WEEK MAY 3 – 9

Each year hundreds of families in North Carolina lose a child to a preventable injury. Safe Kids NC coalitions work year round to promote safer environments for families through education and awareness.

Once a year, Safe Kids Coalitions celebrate by holding a Safe Kids Day in their communities during Safe Kids Week. Due to the coronavirus, most events have been canceled this year, but Safe Kids coalitions are always needing volunteers. If you want to be part of a Safe Kids coalition in your area Click [HERE](#) to find a location.



## SCHEDULED RISK AREAS

JUNE 2020

Fireworks

Grilling Safety

Heatstroke

Pool Safety

National CPR & AED

Awareness Week (6/1 – 6/7)