

New Car Seat Law for NJ – 2015

While New Jersey did have a law requiring children younger than eight years of age, weighing less than 80 pounds to ride in a car seat, the new law is more specific and will assist parents in knowing the best and safest way to transport a child.

“New Jersey has taken a great step towards improving child passenger safety,” said KJ Feury RN, APNc Injury Prevention Coordinator for Safe Kids Northern NJ. “We are all for providing parents with the best information possible to keep children safe.”

Under the new law:

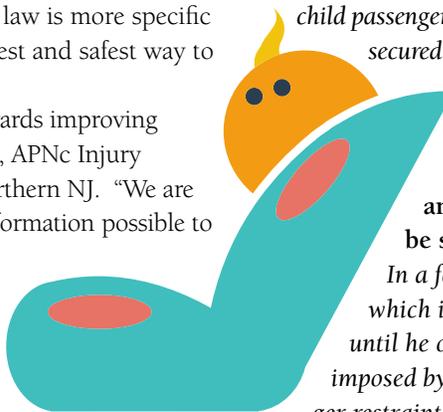
A child under the age of two years and weighing less than 30 pounds must be secured:

In a rear facing in a child passenger restraint system equipped with a five-point harness.

A child under the age of four years and weighing less than 40 pounds must be secured:

In a rear facing child passenger restraint system, equipped with

a five-point harness until he outgrows the height or weight limitation for rear facing imposed by the manufacturer of the child passenger restraint system, at which point he will be secured forward facing; or in a forward facing child passenger restraint system equipped with a five-point harness.



A child under the age of eight years and less than 57 inches in height must be secured:

In a forward facing passenger restraint system which is equipped with a five-point harness, until he outgrows the height or weight limitation imposed by the manufacturer of the child passenger restraint system, at which point the child is to be secured in a rear seat, in a booster seat; or in a rear seat, in a booster seat.

Any concerns please visit one of our Child Passenger Safety Stations for a hands on instructional experience. Find dates, times and locations at www.preventionworks-nj.org



Boating

The Hard Facts

In 2011, 70 percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those who drowned, 84 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

Top Tips

- Always have your children wear a life jacket approved by the U.S. Coast Guard while on boats, around open bodies of water or when participating in water sports. Make sure the life jacket fits snugly. Have the child make a “touchdown” signal by raising both arms straight up; if the life jacket hits the child’s chin or ears, it may be too big or the straps may be too loose.

- A large portion of boating accidents each year involve alcohol consumption by both boat operators

and passengers. To keep you and your loved ones safe, it is strongly recommended not to drink alcoholic beverages while boating.

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We know water is everywhere. So to make it easy, we divided it into three categories: Water in the home, swimming safety and boating safety.

Here you’ll find everything you need to know about boating safety. With almost 100 different kinds of boats – from kayaks to canoes to motorboats – there’s a good chance most of us will be having a great time on the water at some point. So when you do, please remember these simple safety tips for the entire family.

Hats off for Helmets Award Winners for 2015

Northern NJ Safe Kids/Safe Communities announced their 2015 Hats off for Helmets Ski and Snowboard Logo Campaign at its Annual Awards Lunch on March 31, 2015.

Evan Gilardi the Events Coordinator from Mountain Creek was on hand to present the winners with Season Passes for the winter of 2015-2016.

Honored at the event were:

Middle School Winners

1st Place – Brooke Dernier – Abundant Life Christian School

2nd Place - Hailey Koener – Sparta Middle School

High School Winners

1st Place - Jessica Fitzpatrick – Vernon Township High School

2nd Place – Joseph Dattolo – Morris Catholic High School



Pedestrian Safety and Teens

Every hour, a teen pedestrian is injured or killed after being hit by a car in the United States.



In 2012, 284 teen pedestrians died and another 10,000 were injured.



In our survey of 1,000 teens, 40% say they have been hit or almost hit by a car, bike or motorcycle while walking.



When asked what happened when they were hit or almost hit, teens say:



Teens who have been hit or nearly hit report crossing the street while:



Overall, half of teens say they walk in the dark at least sometimes; we know that three-quarters of teen pedestrian fatalities happen between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.



Talk to your teens about walking safely. Visit safekids.org to find out how.

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Patrol Officer Brian Feeney Roxbury PD
OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION –
State Farm

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- Infants and young kids are at a higher risk for hypothermia, so if you are taking a baby on a boat, just take a few extra precautions to keep your baby warm. If your children seem cold or are shivering, wrap them tightly in a dry blanket or towel.

- We know you have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better. Local hospitals, fire departments and recreation departments offer CPR training.

- Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool: They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.

Prevention Works is the official triennial newsletter of Northern NJ SAFE KIDS/Safe Communities. We welcome articles of interest highlighting your community or organization.

Let us know how you have made your community a safe community.

If you have any comments or topics you would like to see covered, please feel free to contact

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