

# \* Child Passenger Safety: Not just for babies and toddlers

**CPS** Week 2007 focused on safety for young tweens (children ages 8-10) in and around cars. Most children ages 8 to 10 should be riding on a booster seat for the best protection in a crash. A safety fair at Eddie Accardi Chevrolet Mazda in Lake City was held on February 24th. This event featured hands-on activities and four inter-active stations to bring safety messages home to tweens. The stations included: Trunk Entrapment, Never Leave your Child Alone, Safety Around Vehicle: "Spot the Tot" and Booster Seats/Safety Belts. A special thanks to the Florida Highway Patrol Troop B and Columbia County Sheriff's Department who partnered and volunteered at this event. To find an inspection site or certified Child Passenger Safety Technician near you, call 352-265-0543 or visit [www.shandssafekids.org](http://www.shandssafekids.org).



## Make it a Safe Kids Summer

As we head toward summer and the heat rises – so do our injury rates. Half (41 percent) of unintentional injuries to children occur from May through August.

- Drowning (89 percent above average compared to the average month).
- Biking (45 percent above average).
- Falls (21 percent above average).
- Pedestrian (16 percent above average).
- Motor vehicle occupant (20 percent above average).

NOTE: The above increases are a national average of the increase in deaths during the months of May through August compared to the average month in 2001 to 2004. Source: Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Safe Kids of North Central Florida is planning several events and community fairs this Spring and Summer to educate children and their families about these risk areas. Please log onto our website to find an event near you— [www.shandssafekids.org](http://www.shandssafekids.org)

## Splash into Safety!



*Drowning is a quick and silent killer. A submerged child can lose consciousness in less than 2 minutes – the time it takes to answer a phone – and sustain permanent brain damage in only 4 to 6 minutes. You may never hear a splash or a cry for help.*

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- ✓ Never leave children alone near water
- ✓ Never rely solely on life jackets or swimming lessons to protect your child from drowning
- ✓ Learn infant and child CPR
- ✓ Children should always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets
- ✓ Inflatable inner tubes and "water wings" are not safety devices
- ✓ Keep toilet lids down and doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed
- ✓ Children in baby bath seats and rings must be within arm's reach every second
- ✓ Teach children to swim after age 4
- ✓ Make sure children swim within designated swimming areas of rivers, lakes and oceans



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## Trauma Awareness Day!

Saturday, May 12  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Triangle Alumni Lot

Next to ShandsCair Hanger on Archer Rd.

For more information, call (352) 265-0543.



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