# Safe Kids/Child Passenger Safety

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# Objectives

**What is Safe Kids?**

**What does Safe Kids do?**

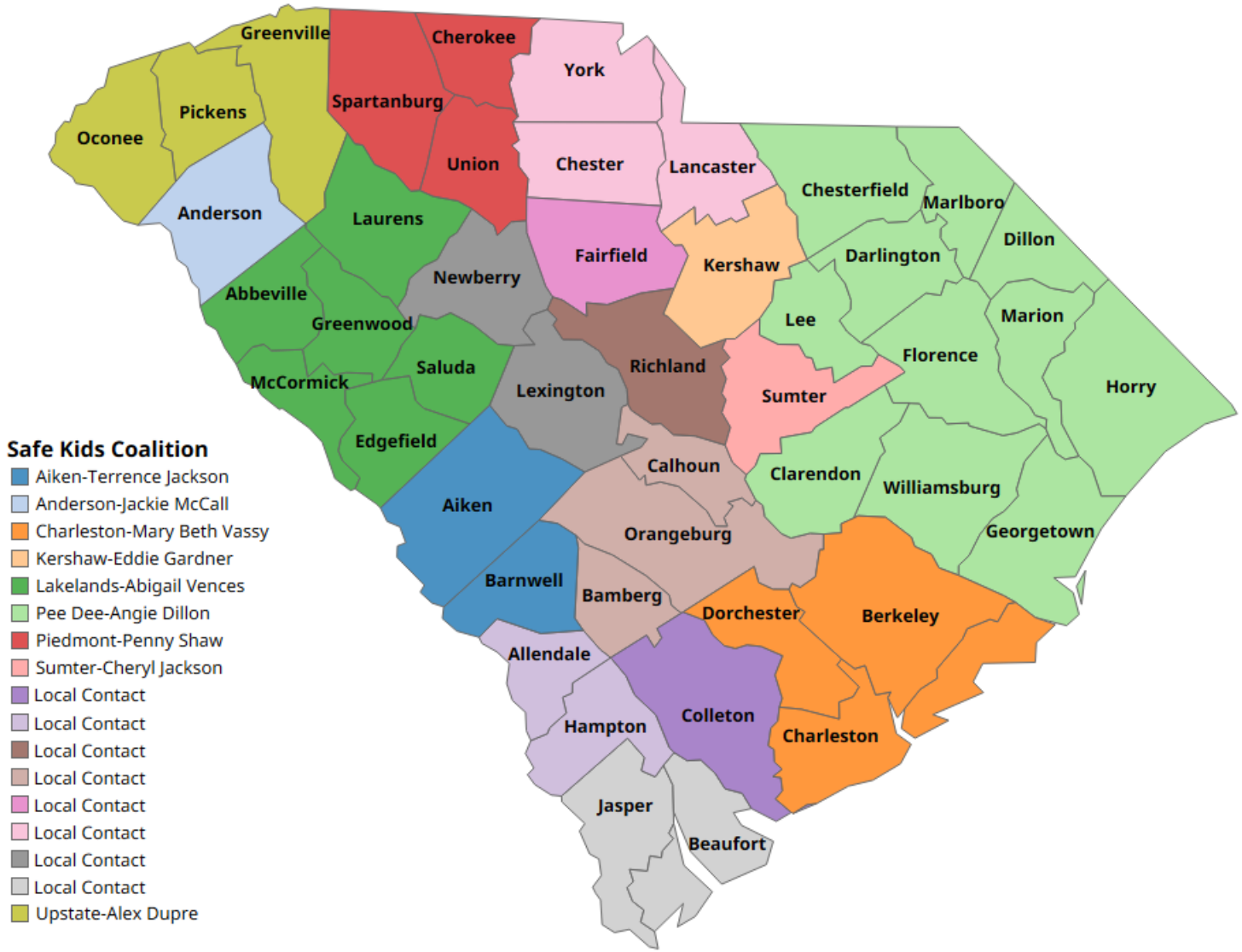
**Why do we do it?**

**How do we do it?**

**How does it relate to you?**



# Safe Kids Coalitions in South Carolina




**A list of contacts for every local contact will be provided

# Safe Kids South Carolina

- ✓ Prevention of unintentional injury to children ages 0-19.
- ✓ Partnering with local volunteers and agencies.
- ✓ Conducting events and classes.
- ✓ Distribution of educational materials.

# Children's Injury Prevention is Important

- ✓ In 2024 there were 5,399 overall injury deaths, 29,514 injury hospitalizations, and 491,378 overall injury emergency department visits in South Carolina. (SCDPH Injury Data Dashboard)
- ✓ Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children in the United States. (CDC Fast Stats)
- ✓ Injuries are preventable.

# Safe Kids SC Priority Areas

- ✓ Drowning Prevention
- ✓ Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention
- ✓ Safe Sleep
- ✓ Child Passenger Safety

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# Drowning Prevention

- ✓Facilitating the Water Safety Coalition.
- ✓Promoting safe swimming resources and water watcher cards.
- ✓Distributing life jacket loaner boards.






# Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention

- ✓ Partnering with ThinkFirst SC.
- ✓ Partnering with the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina.
- ✓ Distributing Bike Helmets.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA





# Safe Sleep

- ✓ Partnering with DPH's Safe Sleep Coalition.
- ✓ Distributing Pack and Plays to Safe Kids Coalitions.



# Child Passenger Safety

- ✓ Certifying Child Passenger Safety Technicians.
- ✓ Distributing car seats to local partners.
- ✓ Providing community education.
- ✓ Distributing educational materials.

# Direction of Car Seat

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), along with other experts in the field, recommend keeping children rear-facing until the highest weight or height of the car seat.

# Best Practice – Read the Manual






# South Carolina State Law



# Booster Seats/Seatbelts

## When can my child safely ride without a car seat?



# Booklets

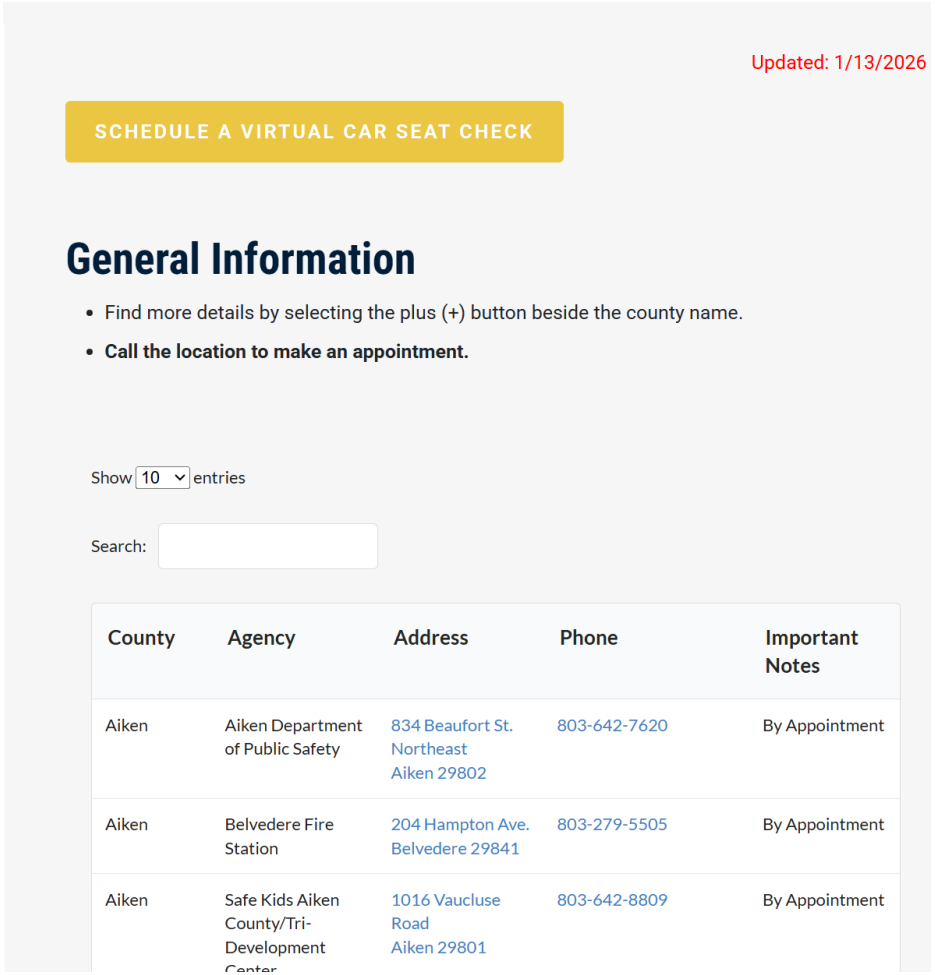
Covers the basics of child passenger safety from rear facing to seatbelts.



# Resources – Inspection Stations

[Child Passenger Safety Program]

(dph.sc.gov/carseats)



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SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL CAR SEAT CHECK

## General Information

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| County | Agency | Address | Phone | Important Notes |
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| Aiken | Aiken Department of Public Safety | 834 Beaufort St. Northeast Aiken 29802 | 803-642-7620 | By Appointment |
| Aiken | Belvedere Fire Station | 204 Hampton Ave. Belvedere 29841 | 803-279-5505 | By Appointment |
| Aiken | Safe Kids Aiken County/Tri-Development Center | 1016 Vaucluse Road Aiken 29801 | 803-642-8809 | By Appointment |

# Nov. 18 - National Injury Prevention Day






# Thank you

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