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### **It's more than just a law**

Is your child in the right safety seat? The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety wants to ensure all caregivers of young children know the importance of buckling children in an appropriate child restraint.

In 2015, four children were killed and 61 suffered injuries as occupants in motor vehicle crashes in Missouri. Thirteen percent of these children killed or seriously injured were not restrained in a car seat or safety belt.

Missouri law requires all children under eight to be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat, unless:

They are at least 80 pounds; or

They are at least 4'9" tall.

Motorists can expect increased enforcement of Missouri's child seat safety laws throughout this campaign.

"The goal is to make sure all parents and caregivers are correctly securing all children in the right car restraints for their age and size," said Bill Whitfield, chair of the executive

committee for the coalition. "Safety seats prevent serious injuries and could save your child's life.

Child safety seat technicians will provide education and car seat inspections at locations across the states. In central Missouri, you can participate in the Roll & Read event at Ellis-Porter Riverside Park on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A Car-Seat-Check will also be conducted by the Jefferson City Fire Department at the event. A list of car seat inspection stations and locations across the state can be found at [seatcheck.org](http://seatcheck.org). Appointments may be necessary.

Also, remember that car seats also have expiration dates. Due to the extreme heat and cold that they're subject to, they can break down over time. Used car seats can also be dangerous, especially if you don't know the seat's history.

"We urge everyone to get their child safety seats inspected," said Whitfield. "When it comes to the safety of a child, there is no room for mistakes."

For more information on Child Passenger Safety Week, visit [saveMOlives.com](http://saveMOlives.com). You can also follow Save MO Lives on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

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