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November 18, 2025, is [National Injury Prevention Day \(NIPD\)](#)!

NIPD "shines a green light for safety" to help raise awareness and promote injury prevention efforts.

For our first "Shine a Green Light for Safety" weekly spotlight leading up to NIPD, the [Injury Prevention Unit](#) wants to highlight proper child safety seat use as one way to #BeInjuryFree.

In 2024, according to the [Texas Department of Transportation](#), there were **57** motor vehicle crash fatalities among infants and children less than eight years of age. 33% of those children were completely unrestrained. Additionally, among the same age group, **375** infants and children sustained serious injury with 26% of them being completely unrestrained.

According to [Safe Kids Worldwide](#), correct use of child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as **71%**! However, **[almost half](#)** of all car seats are not used or installed correctly.

Proper use and installation of child safety seats can help prevent injuries and death among Texas children!

The [Safe Riders Child Passenger Safety Program](#) works with over 66 partner agencies to educate and distribute child safety seats to families in need at more than [110 locations](#) in Texas. This joint effort contributes to the prevention of child deaths and injuries due to motor vehicle crashes.

Safe Riders also provides:

- Child safety seat [inspections/checkup events](#);
- Sustainability and retention of child passenger safety (CPS) technicians through continuing education and trainings.
- CPS technician [certification courses](#);
- [Educational materials and resources](#).

There are steps you can take to shine a green light on child passenger safety in your community! Take your child safety seat to an [inspection station](#). [Learn more and spread awareness](#) about the importance of proper child safety seat use and installation. If interested, [become a certified child passenger safety technician](#).

Next week, we'll take a look at the important role data plays in helping Texas communities #BeInjuryFree.

General Injury Prevention Resources

- Learn more about our programs: [Injury Prevention | Texas DSHS](#)
- Find state and national Injury Prevention resources: [Injury Prevention Resources | Texas DSHS](#)
- Locate more Injury Prevention-related news, events, and observances: [Injury Prevention Calendar | Texas DSHS](#)

Questions? Email us at injury.prevention@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you!

The Injury Prevention Team

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