



PINE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY BULLETIN



2016 Child Passenger Safety Week September 18 – 24, 2016



As Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 18-24) kicks off, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Pine Hill Police Department are urging our residents to make sure children are properly buckled up in the correct car seat for their size and age.

"Risking the safety of future generations by letting children ride unrestrained is not acceptable," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "Seat belts and car seats save lives, and need to be used on every trip."

The just-released NHTSA [2015 National Survey of the Use of Booster Seats](#) shows 37.4 percent of children ages 4 to 7 in the United States were not being properly restrained. Of that number, 25.8 percent were restrained by seat belts and 11.6 percent were unrestrained. 13.6 percent of children from 1 to 3 years old were prematurely transitioned to booster seats, a significant increase from the prior year.

Hispanic and African American children tended to have lower restraint use. Restraint use in the Hispanic 1 to 12 year old age group was lower than the national average, and non-Hispanic African American children 8 to 12 years old had the lowest restraint use across all age groups at 72.4 percent

When your child is not buckled up or is riding in a seat that isn't installed correctly their safety is in jeopardy. The Pine Hill Police Department has several Officers certified as Child Passenger Seat technicians who can work with you to ensure your child seat is properly installed. Simply email communityrelations@pinehillpd.com or call 856-783-1549 for additional information or to schedule an appointment. The Department will be scheduling free public events in early 2017.

Additional information on seat check events, how to find the right car seat, and how to install and register them for recalls is [available here](#).

A video news release on Child Passenger Safety Week can also be [viewed here](#).

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