



Mission: Safe Kids Grant County is a coalition of public, private and voluntary organizations, working to prevent accidental injuries to children 14 and under by stimulating changes in attitudes, behavior, and the environment.

Coalition Goals

Reduce child passenger injuries associated with improper car seat and booster seat use.

- Safe Kids Buckle Up – Car and booster seat check up events
- A.N.G.L.S. Network – Low cost car seats for families in need
- Goal for 2007 is to implement at least four child safety seat inspection stations with regular days and hours

Reduce childhood drownings associated with lack of life jacket use.

- Community outreach on life jacket use and adult supervision while swimming
- Goal for 2007 is to install at least four life jacket loaner stations at boat launches in Grant County

Reduce pedestrian injuries and bicycle head injuries associated with lack of bicycle helmet use, bicycle safety knowledge or unsafe walking/biking environments.

- Safe Routes to School and International Walk to School Day
- Trauma Nurses Talk Tough – Classroom safety classes
- Bike Rodeo – Bike helmet distribution and bike safety education events
- Safe Rider Citation – Local law enforcement, EMS and firefighters will reward children seen wearing helmets while using wheeled equipment with a coupon for a free cookie from local Subway stores

Safe Kids Grant County Leadership and Member Organizations and Businesses

Lead Organization

Grant County Health District

Coalition Members

Barry Chevrolet

Big Bend Community College Migrant Education Even Start

Central Basin Traffic Safety Task Force

Ephrata Fire Department

Family Services of Grant County Head Start

Grant & Adams Child Care Resource and Referral

Grant County Fire District #5

Grant County Health District

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Moses Lake Fire Department

Moses Lake Parks and Recreation

Moses Lake Police Department

Moses Lake School District

Moses Lake/Quincy Community Health Centers

North Central Region EMS & Training Center

Samaritan Healthcare

State Farm – Kim Janke

Washington State Dept. of Health

2007 Non-Member Event Sponsors

Columbia Basin Autism Society

Coulee Family Medicine

Ephrata School District

Grant County Fire District #7

State Farm – Craig Plummer

Wal Mart – Moses Lake

Washington State Safety Restraint Coalition

2007 Funders

Bike Helmet Program

Jim Campbell Senior Memorial Fund **\$500**

John P. Jundt Foundation **\$5,000**

Safe Kids Buckle Up Program

Central Basin Traffic Safety Task Force approx. **\$200** in donated child safety seats

Safe Kids Worldwide **\$1,348**

Safe Kids Worldwide – Child Passenger Safety Week **\$500**

Samaritan Healthcare Foundation - **\$500**

State Farm Corporation **\$3000** to purchase a program trailer and child safety seats

Washington State Safety Restraint Coalition approx. **\$3,500** in donated child safety seats

Life Jacket Loaner Station Program

Moses Lake Irrigation District – **donated** steel poles and supplies

Pacific Northwest Region Bureau of Reclamation – **donated** steel poles and supplies

Paul Lauzier Charitable Foundation **\$5,000**

Signs Now – **10% discount** on the Life Jacket Loaner Signs

Wal Mart – Moses Lake **\$550**

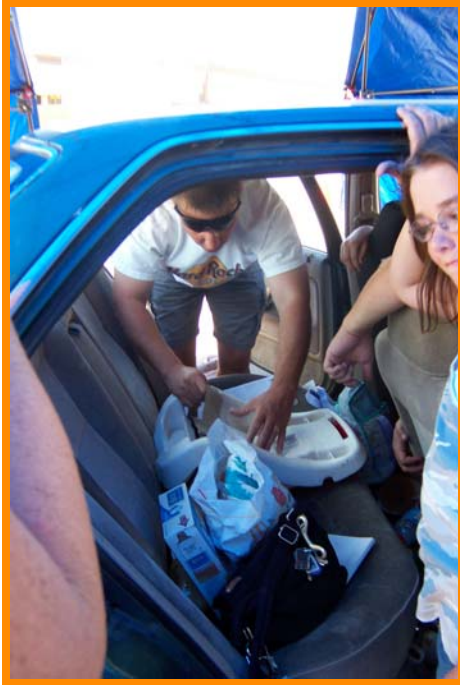
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife – **donated** steel poles and supplies

Coalition Fundraiser

Plushland Bear Sale **\$860**

Safe Kids Worldwide – Safe Kids Week **\$500**

Reduce child passenger injuries associated with improper car seat and booster seat use.



Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of deaths for Grant county children ages 1-17. Our goal is to ensure that children are transported safely and to educate parents/care givers about the importance of transporting children in properly fitted and installed car seats or boosters.

Our child passenger safety team currently has three goals. First goal was to increase the number of certified child passenger safety technicians in our community. Since 2005 Grant County has gone from one to fifteen active technicians. Each of these technicians had to attend and pass a 32-hour certification course. We are especially appreciative of the numerous employers who paid for their staff to attend this lengthy course. Below is a list of our current active child passenger safety technicians.

Child Care Resource & Referral
Cindy Morris

Moses Lake Police Department
Cal Baker

Family Services of Grant County
Cindy Essex

Moses Lake School District
Christie Obershaw

Grant County Fire District No. 5
Barbie Maier
Michelle Starnes
Eva VanBeek

Moses Lake & Quincy Community Health Centers
Selene Acosta (Se Habla Español)
Noelia Deleon-Ortiz (Se Habla Español)

Grant County Health District
Theresa Fuller
Maria Vargas (Se Habla Español)

Soap Lake Police Department
Kimberly McDowell

Grant County Sheriff's Office
Rick LaGrave
Wade Hilliard

Walmart – Moses Lake & Grant County Fire District No. 7
Sheila Burts

Our second goal was to create a low cost car seat program – A.N.G.L.S. Network (All Newborns Given Legal Seats). We do not want a public perception that we are a store or a free car seat giveaway program. Vouchers are available for clients who have a need to acquire a car seat for their child. The vouchers are only distributed by CPS (Child Passenger Safety) Technicians however referrals can come from healthcare providers or other social service provider assisting the family. We ask all recipients to make a \$25.00 donation toward the cost of the seat. We explain to participants that they are investing in the A.N.G.L.S. program and assisting other families to get a car seat. If the recipient does not have money available at the time of the car seat installation a payment agreement is signed and a self addressed envelope is given to them so they can mail a donation when funds are available.

In 2007, A.N.G.L.S. Network distributed 61 seats.

77% donated at least \$20.

Our third goal was to take car seat safety to the public. These public events are hosted at local car dealers, retailers, churches and schools. At the car seat check up events CPS technicians walk parents through properly installing their child's car seats as well as assuring the child is properly placed into the car seat. Each child is weighted and their height measured so we can assess which type of car seat their child should be using and for how long. In addition to the car seat check up events Safe Kids provides public education events. Below is a list of events held in 2007:

- 5- Parent forum and event booths
- 1- Child Care Provider 3-Hour Training
- 1- Tech Deck, a one-day community partner car seat training (non certification)
- 2- Elementary and Pre-school booster seat talks
- 2- Spot the Tot and Never Leave Your Child Alone Events
- 2- Child passenger safety emphasis patrols were technicians were teamed with a law enforcement officer in a 6 hour emphasis patrol. Giving law enforcement and technicians the

opportunity to learn from each other as well as reach families who would not otherwise attend a car seat check up event. Each person given a citation was given a list of local technicians who would be willing to do a one-on-one consultation.

In 2007, Safe Kids Grant County held 10 public events checking over 200 children and distributed 46 car or booster seats.

(These seats are in addition to the ANGLS Network and donated by coalition members or partners.)

Our child passenger safety team would like to open four child safety seat inspection stations with regular days and hours where the public can have their child's car seat checked. These inspection stations would ideally be located at fire stations, public health and police stations.

Reduce childhood drownings associated with lack of life jacket use.

Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of death for Grant county children ages 1-17. Each year in Washington State, drowning accounts for an average of 24 deaths, 26 hospitalizations for near-drowning events, and about 110 visits to the emergency room for Washington state residents ages 0-17. According to the U.S. Coast Guard 90 percent of the people who drown in a boating or water accident would be alive today if they had been wearing a personal flotation device, or a life jacket, at the time of the accident. Safe Kids Grant County's program is designed to reach families boating on our water and assure their safety. Life Jacket Loaner Programs are nationwide and provide a simple way for parents to borrow a properly-sized children's life jacket at launch ramps, marinas and waterfront businesses when a child's life jacket is left at home or doesn't fit properly. The Grant County Sheriff's Office will routinely check the boards for damaged or misplaced life jackets. To avoid the temptation to not return the life jackets each one will be stamped with "Property of Safe Kids Grant County".

Our goal for 2007-2008 is to install at least eight life jacket loaner stations at boat launches in Grant County

Sites ready for placement are:

Billy Clapp - Bureau of Reclamation
Blue Lake – Washington State Fish and Wildlife
Connelly Park - Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District
Sun Lands Estate – Washington State Fish and Wildlife

Safe Kids is currently facilitating sites at:

Sun Lakes State Park
Steamboat Rock State Park
Potholes State Park
Coulee City City Park

Borrow a life jacket. It could save a life!
Pida prestado un chaleco de Salvavidas
Puede Salvar una vida!



1. Pick out a life jacket.
2. Try it on.
3. Make sure it fits! It should be snug but not tight.
4. Return the jacket before you leave for the day.



1. Escoje un chaleco de Salvavidas.
2. Pruebatelo.
3. Asegurese que le quede! Debe de ser comodo pero no apretado.
4. Regrese el chaleco antes de irse por el dia.

Funding for this life jacket loaner station provided by the Paul Lauzier Charitable Foundation.

Safe Kids Grant County is proudly led by the Grant County Health District.

Reduce pedestrian injuries and bicycle head injuries associated with lack of bicycle helmet use, bicycle safety knowledge or unsafe walking/biking environments.

Safe Routes to School and International Walk to School Day

In 2007 Safe Kids Grant County partnered with one elementary school to conduct an International Walk to School Day. On this morning, all students, including those bused to school, walked to school from a pre designated location. This awareness event educates drivers on the importance of slowing down in the school zones as well as educating kids on the importance of walking and biking safely. The Grant County Sheriff's Office conducted a school zone speed emphasis patrol during the event. We continue to work closely with the Moses Lake Trails Planning Team to incorporate our teams' similar goals and objectives.

Trauma Nurses Talk Tough – Classroom safety classes

Safe Kids Grant County assists schools and community event planners to schedule fire fighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians to give age appropriate talks on a variety of injury prevention topics. These talks are centered on real life stories and experiences of first responders. These powerful presentations include real pictures of children who have made right decisions and bad decisions regarding their safety and the consequences of those decisions.

Bike Rodeo – Bike helmet distribution and bike safety education events

Each year Safe Kids Grant County seeks out funding to purchase bike and all-purpose helmets for distribution throughout Grant County. Local partners host events that educate children and parents on the importance of protecting their brain every time they ride a bike, scooter or skate board. Below is a list of 2007 events.



The Safe Rider Citation program began in 2006.

Safe Kids Grant County and the Central Basin

Traffic Safety Task partnered with local subway stores to reward children seen wearing a helmet while biking, scootering or skate boarding. Local law enforcement, EMS and firefighters are given wallet sized gift cards for a free cookie at local Subway stores. Local radio stations ran 100s of PSA promoting the Safe Rider Citation Program.

2007 Bike Helmet Distribution

April 14, 2007 Moses Lake Celebrate Kids and Families Festival

Lead Organization Safe Kids Grant County

- 190 helmets
- 37 volunteers

May 2, 2007 Ephrata Head Start Bike Safety Event

Lead Organization Safe Kids Grant County

- 18 helmets
- 6 volunteers

May 4, 2007 Moses Lake WorkFirst Program

Lead Organization Grant Co. Health District

- 16 helmets
- 2 volunteers

May 18, 2007 Ephrata Grant Elementary School Bike Rodeo

Lead Organization Ephrata School District

- 50 helmets
- 7 volunteers

May 25, 2007 Ephrata Columbia Ridge Elementary School Bike Rodeo

Lead Organization Ephrata School District

- 50 helmets
- 10 volunteers

May 29, 2007 Royal City All City Bike Rodeo

Lead Organization Migrant Education Even Start

- 70 helmets
- 12 volunteers

June 23, 2007 Grand Coulee All City Bike Rodeo

Lead Organization Grand Coulee Family Medicine

- 57 helmets
- 6 volunteers

August 8, 2007 Moses Lake Community Health Back-to-School Event

Lead Organization Moses Lake Community Health Clinic

- 200 helmets
- 4 volunteers

August 16, 2007 Quincy Community Health Back-to-School Event

Lead Organization Quincy Community Health Clinic

- 150 helmets
- 4 volunteers

October 19, 2007 Coulee City Pre School Bike Safety Event

Lead Organization Grant County Fire District #7

- 25 helmets
- 6 volunteers

**Make it a
Safe Kids
Summer**



National Safe Kids Week

Safe Kids Worldwide takes one week out of the year to highlight injury prevention efforts at the national and local levels. In 2007, Safe Kids Grant County held their first press conference on the steps of the Grant County Courthouse. Speakers included Jerry Jasman Grant County Coroner, Dr. Alexander Brzezny Grant County Health Officer and Theresa Fuller Coordinator for Safe Kids Grant County.



The Columbia Basin Herald, with the financial support from local businesses, ran a Safe Kids page each day of the Safe Kids Week. These pages included coalition information and a short article on injury prevention topics with safety messages to parents and caregivers.

During Safe Kids week the coalition held a Bike Safety Event and Car Seat Check-Up at the Celebrate Kids and Families Festival in Moses Lake and bike safety event at the Ephrata Head Start.



In Closing. . . A Message from the Coalition Coordinator

Safe Kids Grant County is the only coalition solely dedicated to reducing accidental death and injury to children living and visiting in Grant County. Before its formation many organizations were individually addressing the above topic areas with spare time and resources. Our community, while growing, is still small and resources even tighter. This joint effort enables us to pool resources and expertise in our local community, while benefiting from the expertise and resources of Safe Kids Worldwide.

I want to personally thank all of our funders, partners, coalition members and lead organization. You took a huge leap together in 2005 to form Safe Kids Grant County. Your willingness to look at the injury data, analyze what that means for our community and organize your efforts has truly been a blessing to this community. It has been a privilege to work with your organizations, businesses, and children. I look forward to working with you in 2008.

Theresa Fuller, Coordinator
Safe Kids Grant County, Led by the Grant County Health District