

## **This Week Launches National Child Passenger Safety Week**

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In 2005, 74 children aged seven and younger were seriously injured in motor vehicle crashes in North Carolina. 26 were killed. Police report that at least 27 of those children were not in child safety restraints. This week marks the beginning of National Child Passenger Safety Week. Gov. Mike Easley urges motorists to remain diligent about properly securing children in age and size-appropriate car seats and booster seats. North Carolina Law requires that everyone in a vehicle be buckled up. Children younger than age eight, or who weigh less than 80 pounds must be properly secured age and size appropriate seat. The vehicle driver is considered by law to be responsible for whether the children in their car are in proper seating, whether the driver is a parent or not. If you have any question about whether you are using a proper seat, or have your seat properly installed, Watauga County Safekids can help you. They will be available at Boone Ford Lincoln Mercury this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Ashe County residents can take advantage of Car Seat Checks every third Friday at Family Central