



Maryland RISK WATCH® Team

**August 2022 to Executive Committee & Fire/Injury
Prevention Life Safety Committee**










Maryland Risk Watch Team: The day-to-day work of this team of volunteers recognizes the primary support given by the MSFA through the Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committee. In partnership with Safe Kids Maryland, resources are coordinated and teaching tools are mobilized to reach children and teens across the state through daytime, weekend and evening programming. During the past 32 months, the work of both Risk Watch and Safe Kids Maryland have been through social media outreach and distance education due to the CoVID19 Pandemic. We have returned to community outreach in person safety education and distribution of safety tools (helmets, car seats, escape planning and more).

2022 MSFA Convention:

2022 Steps to Safety interactive safety stations were updated for the Convention and provided adult content mentors at each station. Just in time training was available for those volunteering at the interactive stations and for those volunteering to be a Mascot or an Escort (Traumaroo, Walker the Panda, Sparky the Fire Dog). Convention Room 210 was a new location and provided increased space and the ability to separate activities for young children, older children and adults. We will expand the activities for youth with this new space and configuration. The Sunday, Monday and Tuesday exhibit days/ hours were very successful. EMSC/ Safe Kids & Risk Watch were onsite Saturday AM to off load and set up. This year the outdoor Heatstroke Prevention display with vehicle was not within the new guidelines of the convention center. We will explore options for 2023.

Risk Area for Stations: Leaders from the injury prevention community continue to provide consistent adult mentors at each display table/ activity. We are actively recruiting volunteers.

-  9-1-1: Make the Right Call (Cecil County DES)
-  Fire Safety: EDITH, Close Your Door, home safety – staffing from MSFA Fire Prevention Committee
-  Child Passenger Safety- EMSC CPS Grant (MSHO)
-  Bike Safety Grant to EMSC (MHSO)
-  Pedestrian Safety - Tidalhealth Peninsula Regional Trauma Center
-  Medication Safety - Safe Kids Maryland – EMSC clinical team
-  Safe Sleep for Infants - EMSC Family Advisory Network/ Safe Kids

The Maryland RISK WATCH team has four goals during the in person Convention.

1. To provide young children and school age children hands on education experiences to be safer in their homes & communities through both psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high-risk injuries.
2. To provide young life safety advocates (tweens, teens and young adults) with a mentored experience and specific lesson plans to work with younger children and their families.
3. To empower parents and care providers with knowledge on both the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their home and community (infants through seniors).
4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based upon evidence based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, Fire & Rescue services.

2022 Educational Opportunities:

September 20, 2022 (Tuesday) Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference Brochure & Registration will be online at - <https://www.fabscom.org/malsc-info-and-registration>

March 25, 2023 (Saturday) is the date for Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar at MFRI. The planning committee has met once since Convention and will finalize topics and an agenda in early October after the MALSC.



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Maryland Safe Kids Updates: Please email safekidsmd@miemss.org to join the email notification. Grants from Safe Kids Worldwide have been received for the following activities / risk area focuses. The majority of the grant award is in materials (banners, games, handouts, logo trinkets) but not monetary awards.

1. Medication Safety – Maryland Poison Center is 50 years young: Maryland Poison Center (MPC) is marking its 50th anniversary this year with a special quarterly series of educational webinars:

- a. March webinar has been archived - “Here for the Ages” by Emily Paterson, BS CHES®, the MPC’s public education and communication specialist, and provides an overview of how MPC serves Marylanders in every decade of life.
- b. June webinar will be posted soon – “Tales from the Poison Center – Tots to Teens” targeted for health care professionals.
- c. September webinar will be targeted for parents – “My Kid Ate ...”

Information on all of these webinars is located @ <https://www.mdpoison.com/>

2. Buckle Up 2022 Grant: Car seat information and seat checks for families have returned to in person by appointment and will continue to be available virtually for families who prefer distance one on one consultations. CPS Technician courses have resumed and are planned across the state through November. Course information is located at: <https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech> . Maryland has 6 outdoor temperature displays available to increase the public awareness of the dangers of heatstroke in vehicles continues. A Webinar was held on August 11, 2022 that will be archived and posted on the MIEMSS You Tube account by September.

3. Child Passenger Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office is in the 22 st year of funding and continues to reach out to healthcare professionals with educational material and training. New Steps for CPS poster are available through the EMSC CPS project office. Contact cps@miemss.org to receive copies. This summer a pilot project was launched to provide EMS agencies with “3in1” car seats to safely transport non-patients in EMS Supervisor vehicles when necessary.

4. Bike Helmet Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office: Maryland EMSC started a sixth year of funding for bike helmets and bike safety education on July 1, 2022. Posters and handouts are available; copies are available upon request from bikesafety@miemss.org.

5. Safe Sleep Project: Maryland EMS for Children’s State Partnership grant ordered and distributed 15 family educational displays on infant safe sleep in partnership with Safe Kids, Risk Watch, and state Child Fatality Review Team. Each kit includes a portable crib, standardized tabletop display, infant doll and printed material from NICDDH and Maryland Safe Sleep campaign. This project is one of the Family Advisory Committee initiatives is part of “Steps to Safety” at the MSFA Convention Risk Watch/ Safe Kids room.

EMS for Children Online Training posted on MIEMSS YouTube channel:

1. MIEMSS EMS for Children CPS Project is hosting two webinars this summer that will be posted.
2. Training video on how to use both types of Outdoor Temperature displays is also posted on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarylandEMS> (under Public Health and Safety channel)
3. Child Passenger Safety PSAs series of 5 messages
4. Bicycle Safety PSAs: Helmet Safety, Riding Safety, Bike Safety Resources
5. PSAs: Learn CPR, Driver safety, 10 Right Care Steps, What to Expect When You call 9-1-1



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Risk Watch Communities with materials in schools, after school and community events are listed below.

We would like to have a contact for Risk Watch and Safe Kids in each county to facilitate getting new information out and to share the camera ready public safety messages from national organizations. Please email riskwatch@msfa.org if you would like to be one of your county's contact.

County	Contact	Lead Agency
Allegany County	Jeff Hobbs, RN (SK & RW & ATS)	UPMC Western Maryland
Baltimore City	Karen Hardingham RN – Safe Kids	UMMS Children's Hospital
Caroline County	Richard Childers EMT – Safe Kids	Caroline County DES
Carroll County	Maggie Rauser – Safe Kids Lisa Wilson (RW @ Winfield VFD)	County Health Department
Calvert County	Sterling Myers (RW)	St Leonard VFD
Cecil County	Angela Puskarich (SK) Holly Trego (RW)	Dept. of Emergency Services
Charles County	Anita Austin (Safe Kids)	Dept. of Emergency Services
Frederick County	Jessica Dayal - Safe Kids RW contact needed	County Health Department
Garrett County	Diane Lee (SK&RW)	County Health Department
Howard County	Terri Taylor – Safe Kids RW contact needed	County Fire & Rescue
Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED	Mary Ellen Wilson RN EMSC FAN Council Co-Chair	Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Johns Hopkins Pediatric Trauma	Pediatric Trauma & Pediatric Burn team (ATS)	Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Montgomery County	Beth Anne Nesselt (RW) Anthony Ramirez (SK)	County Fire & Rescue County Fire & Rescue
Prince George's County	Brian Clark (SK & RW)	Fire & EMS Department
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (SK & RW)	PGCVFRA
Queen Anne's County	Mary Alice Vanhoy (SK & RW)	United Communities Fire Dept.
Rock Hall (Kent County)	Andrea Joyner RN Health Department	Health Department
Tilghman Island (Talbot County)	School Library	County Schools
Washington County	Kelly Llewellyn RN (SK & RW & ATS)	Meritus Trauma Center
Wicomico County	Kari Cheezum RN / Shari Rector (SK & RW & ATS)	Tidalhealth Peninsula Regional Trauma Center
<i>More are welcome to join</i>		



Safe Kids Maryland

Lead by MIEMSS EMS for Children

Local Coalitions

- Baltimore City
- Carroll County
- Frederick County
- Howard County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Washington County

Local Communities

- Allegany County
- Anne Arundel County
- Caroline County
- Cecil County
- Charles County
- Garrett County
- Queen Anne's County
- Wicomico / Tidalhealth Trauma Center
- Johns Hopkins Pediatric Trauma Center
- Sinai Trauma Center

For more information please visit:

www.safekidsmd.org

Maryland's RISK WATCH Communities



- Carroll County
- Cecil County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Howard County Park & Recreation
- Johns Hopkins Children's Center
- Untied Communities VFD (QAC)
- Montgomery County DFR
- Tidalhealth Peninsula Trauma Center
- Prince George's County F&EMS
- Prince George's County VFRA
- Rock Hall VRF
- Tilghman Island

For more information email: riskwatch@msfa.org

Injury Prevention/ Safety: Safe Sleep

Interactive Displays



Safe Kids Coalitions & Locations

Partnering Agency	Safe Kids / Risk Watch Type	Agency/ Facility
SK Partners – Garrett	Community Partner	Garrett County DOH
SK Washington County	Local Coalition	Meritus Medical Center – L&D Unit
SK Carroll County	Local Coalition	Carroll County DOH
SK Baltimore City	Local Coalition	University of Maryland Medical Center
SK Howard County -	Local Coalition	County Fire and Rescue (Howard County)
Metro Baltimore ENA	Partner	ENA Chapter
SK Partners – Cecil	Community Partner	Singerly VFD Prevention Committee
JHCC	Trauma Center	Johns Hopkins CC PTC
SK Partners – Wicomico	Community Partner	Tidalhealth Peninsula Trauma Center
Eastern Shore ENA	Partner	ENA Chapter
Caroline County	Community Partner	Caroline County DES
Mid Maryland ENA	Partner	ENA Chapter
Southern MD MSFA	Partner	Ladies Aux - Prevention Chair
EMSC FAN Council	Partner	Winfield Volunteer Fire Department
Safe Kids Maryland	State Coalition	MIEMSS EMSC

Injury Prevention/ Safety: Bike Safety

Interactive Displays



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Partnering Agency	Safe Kids / Risk Watch	Agency/ Facility
SK Partners – Garrett	Community Partner	Garrett County DOH
Allegany	Community Partner	Cumberland Fire Department & UPMC Western Maryland Trauma Center
SK Washington County	Local Coalition	Meritus Medical Center
SK Frederick County	Local Coalition	Frederick County DOH
SK Carroll County	Local Coalition	Carroll County DOH
SK Baltimore City	Local Coalition	University of Maryland Medical Center
SK Howard County	Local Coalition	Howard County Fire and Rescue
Metro Baltimore	Partners/ Trauma Centers	JHCC & Saini Hospital
Anne Arundel	Community Partner	Anne Arundel County Food & Resource Bank – Bike Subcommittee
Cecil	Community Partner	Cecil DES
Wicomico	Community Partner	Tidalhealth Peninsula Trauma Center
Queen Anne	Community Partner	Untied Communities VFD
Caroline County	Community Partner	Caroline County DES
SK Montgomery	Local Coalition	Montgomery County Fire and Rescue
SK Prince George's	Local Coalition	Prince George's Fire & EMS
Charles County	Community Partner	Charles County DES
Southern MD MSFA	Partner	Ladies Aux - Prevention Chair
EMSC FAN Council	Partner	Winfield Volunteer Fire Department
Safe Kids Maryland	State Coalition	MIEMSS EMSC

Safety: Car Seats for EMS Supervisors

🚚 Training in Person for core group

🚚 Laminated instruction card left with Car Seat

GRACO SLIM FIT 3-IN-1 SEAT	INSTALLATION REFERENCE PHOTO	HARNES REFERENCE PHOTO
REAR-FACING Newborn to at least age 2 (5-40lb or 2.3-18kg)	1. Recline car seat. 2. Feed seat belt in path under knee (blue label) and buckle. 3. Lock seat belt at shoulder belt retractor and pull tight.	1. Adjust straps to top of shoulders and snug them. 2. Place chest clip at armpit level.
FORWARD-FACING >Age 2 - 5 Years (22-65lb or 10-30kg)	1. Place seat upright. 2. Route seat belt through seat shell behind the child's back (orange label). 3. Lock seat belt at shoulder belt retractor and pull tight. 4. Attach tether strap from top-back of car seat to tether bracket behind vehicle seat (if at all possible).	1. Move straps to top of shoulders, and snug them. 2. Slide chest clip to armpit level.
GRACO SLIM FIT 3-IN-1 SEAT BOOSTER SEAT Age 5+ Years (40-100lb or 8.1-45kg)	SEATBELT SETUP 1. Fully loosen harness straps, unmap padding, then store straps and buckles under lower and pad in storage area. 2. Place child on booster seat. 3. Place lap belt over hips and through red belt guides; buckle. 4. Place shoulder belt through red path in shoulder area. 5. Adjust head restraint so shoulder belt ends at shoulder.	
GRACO SLIM FIT CAR SEAT Return to: <u>11/16/31</u> Do not use after: <u>11/16/31</u> Additional car seat help: www.GracoBaby.com 1-800-345-4109 <small>MEMMS' Child Passenger Safety Healthcare Project • 2022 • cpss@memms.org Modified from MD 4102 (2020)</small>		
Car Seat's Use Date _____ Age of Child _____ EMS Provider Initials _____ Mode _____ <small>Modes: RF = Rear-facing FF = Forward-facing HBB = High-back Booster</small>		

INSTALLATION VIDEO

Installing a Slim Fit rear-facing car seat with a seat belt:
<https://youtu.be/1CK82y8K0Y8>

INSTALLATION VIDEO

Installing a Slim Fit forward-facing harnessed car seat with a seat belt:
[Link TBD](#)

INSTALLATION VIDEO

Installing and using the Graco Slim Fit as a high-backed booster:
[Link TBD](#)

Injury Prevention/ Safety: Medication Safety

2022 Medication & Poison Prevention Mailing & PPT

