



Transportation Safety

Field trips and family vacations can be an enjoyable and enriching part of any season, summer in particular. Traveling with children adds additional safety concerns, but many of these can be prevented with advance planning. So before you load children in the car, van or bus, review the following web sites for travel safety tips.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration web site has valuable safety information for parents and child care providers, including:

- Child Passenger Safety <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/>
- Child Seat Inspections (where to get them done) <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/whatis/regions/index.cfm?fitting=yes>
- Child Safety Seat Ease of Use Ratings <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/CSSRating/Index.cfm>

www.buckleupnc.org/

The North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Resource Center has a wealth of information about child safety seats and the latest update on North Carolina legislation on this topic.

www.aap.org/healthtopics/carseatsafety.cfm

The American Academy of Pediatrics provides multiple resources, guides and links on the topic of child passenger safety, including recommendations for newborns and children with special needs.

http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/providers/py_supervision.asp

This link takes you to *Get Ready, Get Set, Go!*, a training module in the **SUPERVISION** Series from the NC Division of Child Development. Created to prevent child abuse and neglect in child care facilities, the module focuses on field trip and transportation safety. This valuable resource for child care providers includes checklists for procedures that will help prevent harm to children.

http://www.healthychildcarenc.org/PDFs/ccnews_2004-06.pdf

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www.hsre.unc.edu/pubinfo/child_main.htm

The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center site for Child Passenger Safety in North Carolina

