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**Newsletter Article**

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### **Free Car Seat Checks**

Did you know that 3 out of every 4 parents in Delaware do not properly install their child's car seat correctly? It's true. Improperly installed car seats put children at risk of being injured or killed in a car crash. The most common mistakes reported by Child Passenger Safety Technicians are:

- The car seat is loose and not installed tightly in the vehicle.
- Babies (under age 1) are placed forward facing too early.
- Children in car seats do not have harness straps pulled snugly against their bodies.

When it comes to the safety of your child, there is no room for mistakes.

That's why OHS offers free car seat checks year round and is also partnering with Christiana Care and SAFE KIDS DE during September 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> for Child Passenger Safety Week to offer additional free car seat checks statewide. Locations are conveniently located statewide and staffed by certified child passenger safety technicians. Not only will the technician inspect the car seat for safety and correct fit, but will also show you how to properly position your child in the seat.

Remember that every one in the vehicle must be properly bucked. Children up to the age of 8 years old or 65 lbs must be in a federally approved child safety seat appropriate for their age and all children under the age of 12 must ride in the back seat where they are the safest. Keep this in mind each and every time you get in the car. Ride Safe. Arrive Alive DE.

Call 302-744-2740 to schedule a fitting today!