

TRAFFIC SAFETY AT WORK



Car Seats Save Lives



In 2023 in Kansas, two children under 14 were killed and 345 were injured as passengers. Of the ones killed, 43% were unrestrained.

Child Passenger Safety Week for 2025 is September 21-27.

It is important that parents and caregivers model safety in vehicles for children by always buckling up. In 2023, of the children who died in crashes while riding with an unbuckled driver, 64% of those children were likewise unbuckled.

Car seats save lives

- In passenger vehicles, car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers 1 to 4 years old. The corresponding reductions are 58% and 59%, for infants and toddlers in light trucks.
- Data from NHTSA indicates that child restraints have saved the lives of 11,606 children under the age of 5 since 1975.
- A NHTSA study found that most parents and caregivers believe they know how to correctly install their car seats, but about half (46%) have installed their child's car seat incorrectly.



Kids in hot vehicles

Parents and other caregivers need to be educated that a vehicle is not a babysitter or play area ... but it can easily become the scene of a tragedy.

The number of children who have died in hot cars nationwide over the past 24 years from heatstroke is alarming: more than 900! 55 percent of them were under 2 years of age, 52% were forgotten by caregivers, 24% gained access to the vehicle on their own, and 21% were knowingly left by caregivers.

To help understand this preventable cause of death, the National Safety Council a free Children in Hot Cars e-learning course at [Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal](#).

Safety recommendations

- **Never** leave a child unattended in a vehicle. Not even for a minute!
- If you see a child **unattended** in a hot vehicle, call 911.
- If a child is **missing**, always check the pool first, and then the car, including the trunk.

Ross Elementary Opens Traffic Garden



Traffic Safety Minutes for Staff Meetings

Risky driving behaviors

There are various driving behaviors that are dangerous, not just for drivers, but for all road users. In Kansas, one common risky behavior is aggressive driving.

Speeding is not the only type of aggressive behavior. Running stops signs and red lights, passing school buses when the stop arm is extended, failing to move to the right for emergency vehicles approaching from behind, and tailgating are all aggressive driving behaviors.

How should you handle an aggressive driver?

- Avoid eye contact.
- Slow down and let them pass you.
- Pull over in a safe, public place and call 911.

DO YOU HAVE ROAD RAGE?



Tailgating
Throwing objects
Running red lights
Weaving across lanes
Blocking lane changes

Yelling at other drivers
Making rude gestures
Not using turn signals
Brake checking
Speeding

RELAX. TAKE
A BREATH. LET IT GO.
JUST DRIVE.



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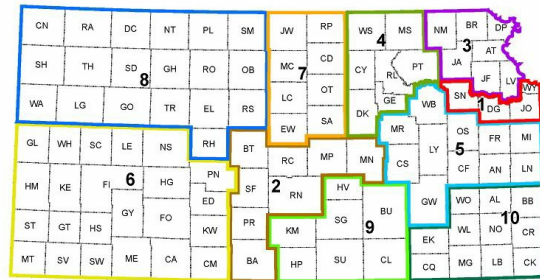
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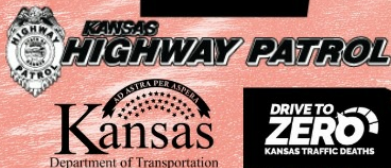


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2025 Kansas Traffic Crash Deaths

2442 **↑** **13.08%**



Compared to 1/1/24 - 9/2/24
Preliminary data as of 9/2/25

These are preliminary numbers which can change based on trauma and investigation outcomes.

List of Drivers Education Schools in Kansas

National Safety Council Online Defensive Driving Courses

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