

Princeton and Trenton to host "Car Seat Checks" this week

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Princeton and Trenton will be sites of "child car seat" safety checks this week. Checks will be done at the Mercer County Health Department in Princeton on Wednesday (by appointment). Child car-seat safety checks will be done in the parking lot of the ShopKo store in Trenton on the morning of Saturday, September 22nd between 9 and 11 o'clock. People wishing to have a safety check should show up during those times in Trenton.

The checks are free. They are part of Child Passenger Safety week that runs through Saturday. The Northwest Region of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is sponsoring the car-seat checks in Trenton, Princeton, and St. Joseph. They are also collecting deficient or expired car seats in St. Joseph.

Various agencies provide certified child passenger safety technicians throughout the region. The National Highway Transportation Safety Board says that "three out of four car seats are not being used correctly". That same agency also says correct restraints in passenger cars can reduce the chances for fatal injuries by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers.