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Newsletter

July 2026

Help us make every kid a safe kid

AUGUST

Back-to-School Safety Starts Here!



As summer winds down and children head back to school, August is the perfect time to focus on transportation safety, pedestrian awareness, eye health, and injury prevention. Whether children walk, bike, ride the bus, travel by rail, or participate in outdoor activities, Safe Kids Columbus is committed to helping families keep every child safe.

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Safe Sleep Class: includes a new portable crib for eligible parents.

Requires Program Application:

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Upcoming dates:

Aug 4 • Sept 1 • Oct 6

Car Seat Class: includes a new car seat for eligible parents.

Requires Program Application:

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Upcoming dates:

Aug 18 • Sept 15 • Oct 20



August 17 
National Nonprofit Day

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Preventing Childhood Injuries at home, at play & on the way.

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Sponsor Spotlight



The River Valley Area Agency on Aging provides seniors with opportunities to maintain their activity, independence, and dignity through a comprehensive, coordinated system of services and support. The AAA assesses need, advocates for seniors, engages community support, coordinates program funding, and monitors and evaluates the work of service providers to ensure that seniors receive high-quality assistance. The mission of the RVRC is to create, promote and foster the orderly growth and economic prosperity for our region. The vision of the RVRC is to foster a region where current and future generations succeed at home, at work, and in their communities.

August 1-7 Walk, Bike, Roll & School Transportation Safety Week

Safety Tips:

- ⇒ Walk with younger children and practice safe street crossing.
- ⇒ Cross only at designated crosswalks and obey crossing guards.
- ⇒ Wear bright or reflective clothing when walking or biking.
- ⇒ Children should always wear a properly fitted helmet when riding bicycles, scooters, or skateboards.
- ⇒ Put phones away while walking or crossing streets.
- ⇒ Drivers should slow down and watch for children near schools and bus stops.



August 4-10 Teen Pedestrian Safety Week

Safety Reminders for Teens:

Stay alert while walking.

Keep your head up and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

Remove earbuds when crossing streets.

Use marked crosswalks whenever available.

Teens are at increased risk for pedestrian injuries due to distractions such as cell phones, headphones, and rushing across roadways.



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**Heads Up,
Phones Down**

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Did You Know?

Pedestrian injuries remain one of the leading causes of injury for teens nationwide.



August 11-17 School Bus & Rail Safety Week

Whether children ride a school bus or encounter railroad crossings on the way to school, safety rules can save lives

School Bus Safety:

- Arrive at the bus stop early.
- Stand at least six feet from the curb.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
- Never walk behind a school bus



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Rail Safety:

- Cross railroad tracks only at designated crossings.
- Never walk along railroad tracks.
- Stop, look, and listen carefully near railroad crossings.
- Remind children that trains are often quieter and faster than expected.

August 18-24 Golf Cart & Low-Speed Vehicle Safety Week

Do you use a golf cart
off the course?

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Golf carts and low-speed vehicles are increasingly used in neighborhoods, parks, and recreational areas.

Safety Tips:

- Follow all local laws regarding use.
- Ensure every rider has a seat and uses available restraints.
- Never allow children to ride standing up or hanging from the vehicle.
- Drive at safe speeds and avoid distracted driving.
- Keep children away from moving vehicles.

Parent Reminder:

Golf carts are not toys and can cause serious injuries when safety precautions are not followed.

August 25-31 Outdoor Fun Safety Week



Outdoor Safety Checklist:

- ☐ Apply sunscreen SPF 30 or higher.
- ☐ Stay hydrated.
- ☐ Wear appropriate protective gear.
- ☐ Supervise children around water.
- ☐ Check playground equipment before use.
- ☐ Watch for signs of heat-related illness.

Family Activity:

Create a family outdoor safety plan before your next park visit, sporting event, or outdoor adventure.

August 18-24 Children's Eye Health & Safety Week

Healthy vision is essential for learning and development.

Eye Safety Tips:

- Schedule annual vision screenings.
- Wear protective eyewear during sports and recreational activities.
- Limit prolonged screen time and encourage breaks.
- Use sunglasses that provide UV protection.
- Seek immediate medical attention for any eye injury.

Back-to-School Vision Check:

If your child is struggling to read, experiencing headaches, or squinting frequently, talk with your healthcare provider about an eye exam.



August 25-31 Inflatable Bouncer Safety Week

Safety Tips:

- Always provide adult supervision.
- Follow manufacturer age and weight recommendations.
- Anchor inflatables securely.
- Avoid use during strong winds or storms.
- Separate children by size and age.
- Prohibit flips, rough play, and climbing on walls.

Remember:

Most inflatable-related injuries occur from falls, collisions, or improper setup.

Bounce houses and inflatable play structures are popular at parties and community events but can cause serious injuries if not used correctly.

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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

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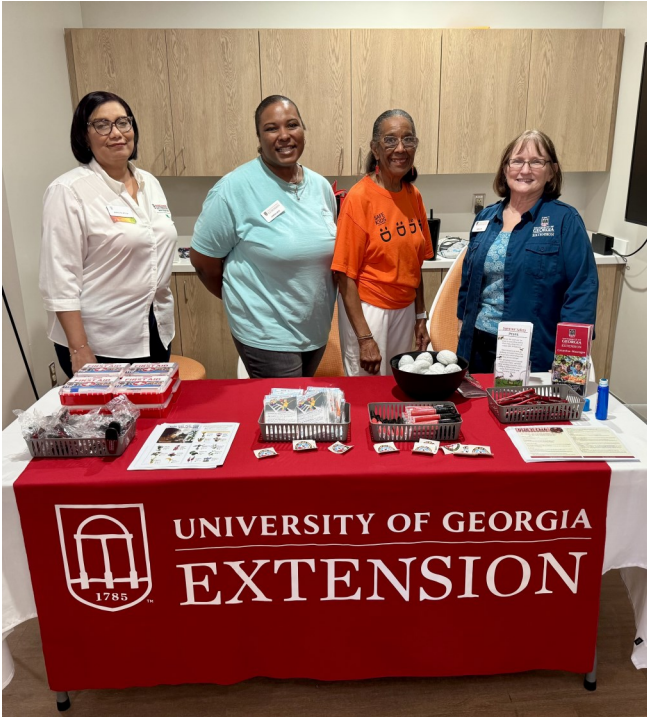
SATURDAY

					31 Baby & Beyond Community Bash Valley Healthcare 5—8 pm	1 City-Wide Back to School Event Frank Chester Rec Ctr 12-3pm
2		4 Safe Sleep <u>Online Class</u>	Walk, Bike, Roll & School Transportation Safety Week			
9	Teen Pedestrian Safety Week		School Bus & Rail Safety Week			
16	National Nonprofit Day	18 Car Seat <u>Online Class</u>	Children's Eye Health & Safety Week Golf Cart & Low-Speed Vehicle Safety Week			
23 30	Outdoor Fun Safety Week					

Summer Safety Event with Safe Kids Columbus



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