



Medical Update/Safety Issues

You may not be aware that a new booster seat law will take effect July 1, 2005. This law requires all children under eight to be properly secured in a child safety seat or booster seat. It also requires all kids up to age 16 to be properly restrained in all vehicles. Those over age 16 must be restrained when riding in the front seat of passenger vehicles. Currently, those riding in pickup trucks or sport-utility vehicles with truck license plates are not required to abide by Indiana's seat belt law. Those who violate the new law will commit a Class D infraction, which carries a \$25 fine. It is strongly recommended that all children be placed in the rear seat of the vehicle, where it is safest. For more information regarding child passenger safety, you may contact the Automotive Safety Program at 1-800-KID-N-CAR or visit www.preventinjury.org.

Immunization Info:

After June 30, 2005, every child in Indiana who enters grade 9 and grade 12 will be required to be immunized against hepatitis B. Eventually every child grades K-12 will have to have this immunization. I strongly encourage you to talk to your health care provider and obtain these immunizations as soon as possible if it has not already been done. **This may not necessarily apply to the elementary students, but there may be older siblings that did not receive this very important vaccine.** I have a list of different places where you may obtain free immunizations, so please feel free to contact me any time during school hours (534-3101).

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