

# Safe Kids Indiana

FALL 2014

## INDIANA SAFE KIDS COALITIONS:

ALLEN

BARTHOLOMEW

ELKHART

HARRISON

LAWRENCE

MARION

MONROE

ORANGE

TIPPECANOE

VIGO

WAYNE

## Safe Kids Indiana to Focus on Tweens

The “tween” population, including children ages 8-12 years old, are amongst the age group with the highest incapacitating injury and death rate in Indiana. In the upcoming months, Safe Kids Indiana will strive to make this group a priority. Efforts will include targeted interventions for older children and the safety messages will be:

- 1) Buckle up
- 2) Ride in the backseat until age 13
- 3) Use a booster until proper seatbelt fit

In conjunction with the tween project, Dorel Juvenile Group has generously donated 200 Incognito “kid positioning seats” to Safe Kids Indiana.



David Amirault, Director of Marketing at Dorel Juvenile Group, discusses the Incognito at the press conference held on September 18th at a CPS week clinic with the Marion County Public Health Department

The Incognito is geared toward older children who still need a boost for proper seatbelt fit. The Incognito is for children who are between 60 and 120 pounds and are up to 60” in height. The 200 Incognito kid positioning seats, as well as other booster seats, will be distributed to Safe Kids coalitions across the state

in conjunction with the tween-aimed education that will take place. We ask that all CPSTs remember to include education for older children in car seat appointments and remind parents that preventative efforts for their older children are just as important as those for their younger children.

Safe Kids coalitions across the state were busy this summer! All coalitions who expressed an interest, received a free Spot the Tot carpet and/or a thermometer display unit. See the photo to the right for a picture of Safe Kids Bartholomew County putting both items to use!



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## 2014 Refresher Courses Conclude

The Automotive Safety Program and Safe Kids Indiana have wrapped up the 2014 Refresher Courses. The locations for this year were the Chesterton Fire

Department (Chesterton), IMMI (Westfield), and the Harrison County Hospital EMS (Corydon). IMMI offered a tour of the crash test and manufacturing

facilities for all who attended that class. This year, 4.5 CEUs were offered in addition to the opportunity to get all seat checks done for recertification. The courses were attended by a total of 158 technicians from all over the state. Additionally, the class allows attendees the opportunity to network with fellow CPSTs. A BIG thank you to all of our 2014 site hosts!



Seat check-offs at the Corydon refresher course at the Harrison County Hospital

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Preventing

Injuries:

At Home,

At Play,

And On The

Way!

## Halloween Safety

**On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.** Help keep kids safe this year by following and/or passing along these safety messages from Safe Kids Worldwide:

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose

light colors.

- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- Teach children to



make eye contact with drivers.

- Drivers need to slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways!

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