

The Collective Conversation

Child Passenger Safety

If you haven't noticed we are right in the middle of Child Passenger Safety Week. Running September 20-26th, this week works to educate the community about the importance of keeping our children safe and thanking the trained technicians who work across our communities installing car seats and supporting caregivers.

As a collective there are a few things we can do to help promote CPS week before it ends...but really Child Passenger Safety doesn't begin and end with a week, it is all year round. Whether you share information, post a graphic from a partner agency, or help with events in your community. Together, we make a difference in the safety of all child passengers.

Teen Driver Safety Week

National Teen Driver Safety Week will be observed from October 18-24, 2026.

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for teens in Nebraska. Inexperience, distractions (like texting or passengers), speeding, impairment and not using seat belts are major risk factors. On average, there are 8,000 teen related crashes in Nebraska each year.

Key Safety Tips for Teen Drivers:

Always Buckle Up, Put The Phone Down, Obey Speed Limits, Limit Passengers, Avoid Driving at Night, Never Drive Impaired.

Tips for Parents:

Set clear rules, Lead by example, Practice together, Enroll your teen in a driver's education course.

For more helpful information visit,
parentsdrivethemessage.ne.gov



Move Over, Slow Down

In case you didn't know! There was a recently passed update to Nebraska's highway safety laws expanding protections for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users.

Under LB 530, drivers must move over, slow down, and proceed with caution when approaching stopped vehicles or vulnerable road users on the side of the highway. This includes:

- Any stopped vehicle on the same side of the highway
- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Agricultural vehicles or equipment

Additional safety updates include higher speeding fines, expanded reckless-driving penalties for traveling more than twice the posted speed limit, an increased penalty for motor vehicle homicide, and new authority for the Nebraska Department of Transportation to temporarily lower speed limits during severe weather, emergencies, or traffic congestion.

These changes are designed to help make Nebraska roads safer for everyone.



Making a Difference In Nebraska Communities

E-Moto Public Survey

Our partners at Bike Walk Nebraska are seeking some information to help our communities travel more safely. Please copy the link below and paste into your browser to share your feedback!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMHUr4_brgaTFo4oCRG5Z-9UgV_4XEK5KxQO5MxCGLa31svQ/viewform



Upcoming Dates

September 20 – 26, 2026

Child Passenger Safety Week

September 26, 2026

National Seat Check Saturday

October 14th

Nebraska Trucking Association Crash Scene

October 18 - 24, 2026

National Teen Driver Safety Week

October 22- 8am-6pm

Bike Walk Nebraska Summit

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-walk-nebraska-summit-tickets-1993028982337>

November 2-6

Crash Responder Safety Week

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upcoming dates to add? email: jeanne.bietz@nebraska.gov

Harvest Safety

It's that time of year again, harvest. When our community farmers take to the fields and work long hours to bring in their harvests. Here are a few things both our farmers and our communities can do to keep everyone safe throughout Harvest season.

For Farmers

- Check brakes and safety systems, including guards and shields.
- Ensure all vehicle signs are bright and visible.
- Test lights and hazard signals to ensure proper functionality.
- Provide thorough training on equipment operation and emergency procedures.
- Equip workers with hearing protection, safety goggles, gloves, respirators (e.g., N95), and sturdy boots.
- Stock a first aid kit in easily accessible areas.
- Train workers in first aid and CPR.
- Develop and communicate an emergency response plan for injuries, fires, or mechanical failures.
- Schedule regular breaks and stay hydrated.
- Prioritize quality sleep by limiting caffeine and creating a restful environment.
- Monitor weather forecasts to avoid hazardous conditions.
- Inspect field conditions for obstacles and uneven terrain.

For The Community

- Slow Down
- Watch for slow moving farm vehicles
- Be patient, and pass farm equipment only when you can do so safely
- Pay attention at intersections where tall crops and harvest dust can make seeing other vehicles even more difficult

A safe harvest is a productive harvest. If our community and our farmers both take the time to prioritize safety we can make this harvest season safe and rewarding for everyone involved!