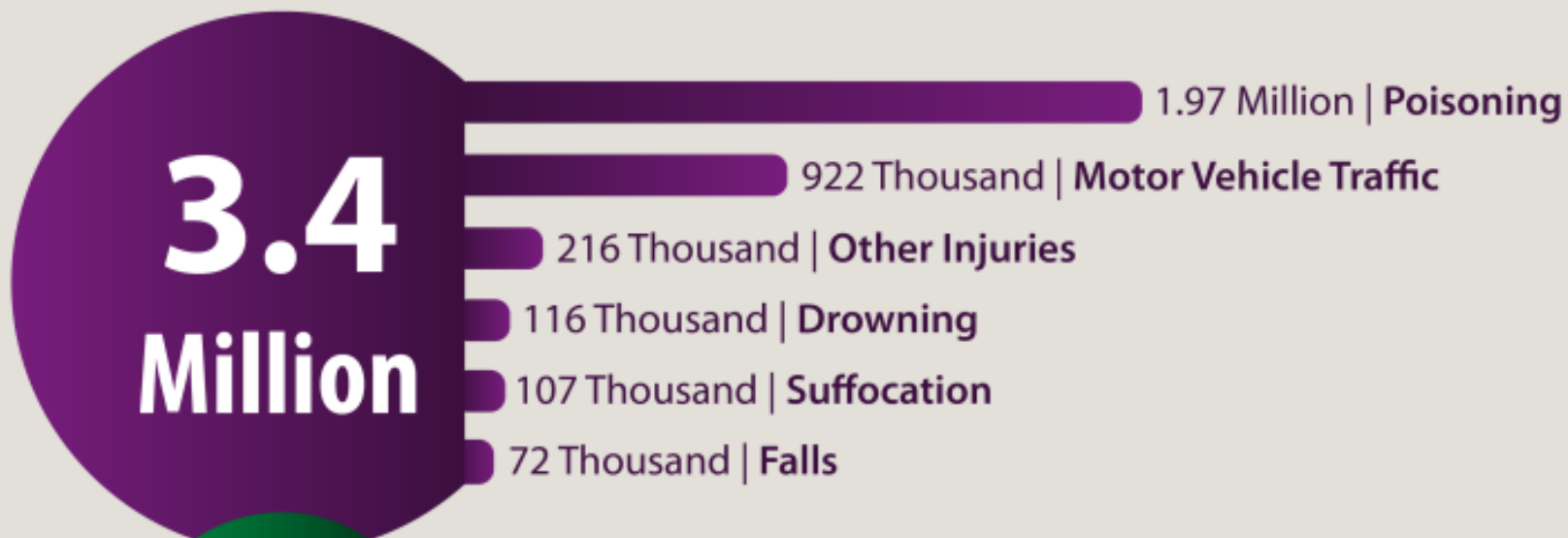




# Safe Kids Orange Coalition



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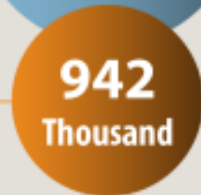
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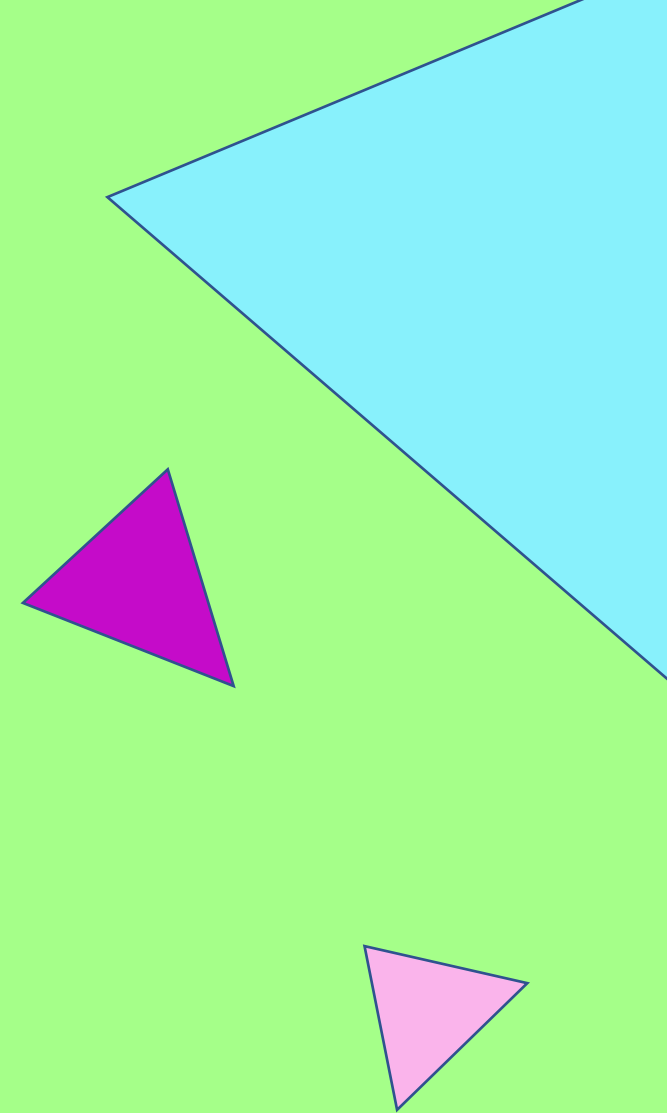


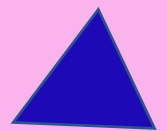
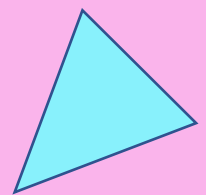
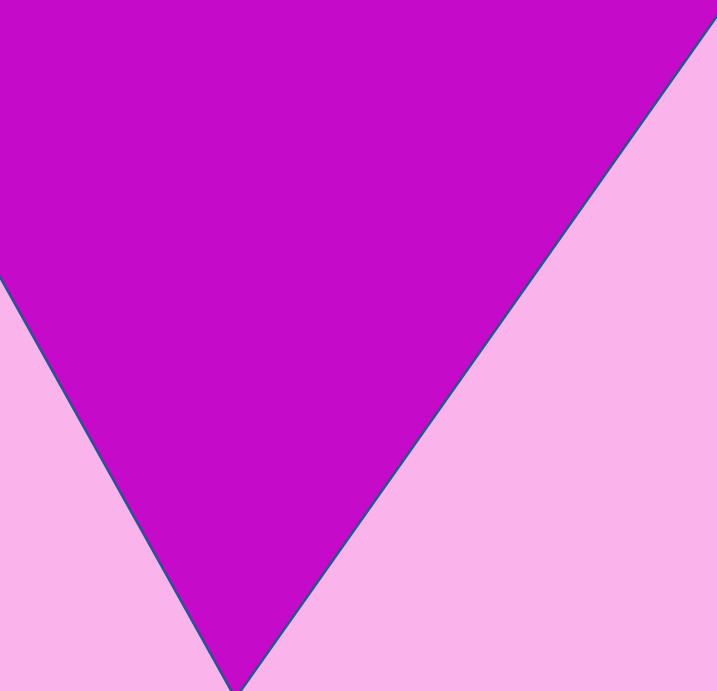
**Unintentional Injury** contributed to more **years of potential life lost\*** than any other cause of death in 2020.

*\*Years of potential life lost (YPLL) is an estimate of number of years a person would have lived if they had not died prematurely. In this graphic, YPLL was calculated where deaths occurring before age 65 are considered premature.  
Data Source: 2020 NCHS Vital Statistics System produced by CDC WISQARS ([www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html))*

# Main Prevention Focus Areas:

- **Motor-vehicle collisions**
- **Falls**
- **Gunshot wounds (intentional, unintentional)**
- Transportation (bicycle, pedestrian, etc.)
- Fire
- Water
- Medicine poisoning/overdose
- Mental health/Substance misuse (underlying root cause)





**Orange County Public Health Department**  
**Orange County Department of Social Services**  
**Orange County Schools**  
**Orange County Fire Marshal's Office**  
**Orange County Community Paramedics**  
**Orange County Sheriff's Office**  
**Hillsborough Police Department**  
**Carrboro Police/Fire Department**  
**Chapel Hill Police/Fire Department**  
**UNC Campus Police**  
**Orange Rural Fire Department**  
**Orange Partnership for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth**  
**Insight Human Services**



# Main Programs

Community Car Seat Program

Child Passenger Safety (CPS)

Home Safety Partnership Program

Orange County Firearm Safety Team

Water, Firearm, Fire, CPS education



# Safe Kids Orange 2025 Reach

FCR/Fairview Early/Head Start

Orange Literacy

El Centro Hispano

Family Success Alliance (FSA)

Refugee Community Partnership (RCP)

Efland-Cheeks Community Center

Rogers Eubanks Neighborhood Association

Hargraves Community Center

Carrboro Community Clinic (Piedmont)

UNC Beacon Program

UNC Horizons

UNC Children's Primary and Specialty Care

UNC Hospital Pediatric Residency

Passmore, Seymour Centers

White Cross Fire Department

All 4th grade OCS elementary schools

Chapel Hill, East Chapel Hill, Carrboro HS

Wegmans, Harris Teeter (Chapel Hill)

Home Depot, Walmart (Hillsborough)

Town of CH Food Distribution @Eubanks

St. Thomas More Church (Chapel Hill)

Orange County DSS, Public Health

Carrboro Family Vision

Carrboro Commons/Farmers Market

Orange County Library (Hillsborough)

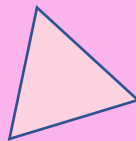
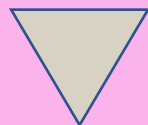
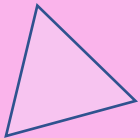
Collins Crossing Apartments

Covenant Place/Carolina Springs

Gateway Apartments

# Child Passenger Safety

- CPS Technicians
- Permanent Checking Stations
- Saturday Seat Checks
- Extra Community CPS Clinics
- Statewide Diversion Program



# Community Car Seat Program

- 20+ referring agencies
- 7 distribution sites
- Over **738 car seats** provided since late 2021
- Evaluation: Post class and 3-month follow-up results

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**NEED HELP WITH A CAR SEAT FOR YOUR CHILD?**

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**CONTACT ANY OF THE LOCATIONS BELOW FOR A FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK!**  
Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.  
Spanish interpretation is available upon request.

- **Chatham County Public Health Department, Siler City Clinic**  
◦ Contact: 919.742.5641
- **Siler City Police Department**  
◦ Contact: 919.742.5626 Ext. 233 (Andrea)
- **North Chatham Fire Department**  
◦ Contact: 919.542.3380 (Ronnie or Cindy)
- **Chapel Hill Fire Department**  
◦ Contact: 919.968.2781
- **Carrboro Fire Department**  
◦ Contact: 919.918.7347
- **Orange County Sheriff's Office**  
◦ Contact: livey@orangecountync.gov (London)
- **Orange County Department of Social Services**  
◦ Contact: 919.245.2850 (Suzanne)

**BOOSTERS AND CAR SEATS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED AT NO COST**

For more information, please contact Anna Stormzand, Safe Kids Orange and Chatham Coordinator at 984.974.2437 or [anna.stormzand@unhealth.unc.edu](mailto:anna.stormzand@unhealth.unc.edu)

# Home Safety Partnership Program

- **Items distributed:** Cabinet and refrigerator locks; lock boxes; chemical medicine disposal bags; baby gates; non-slip appliques; doorknob covers; spout covers; safe sleep sacks; gun locks; pack n'plays

## Orange County Partners:

- Refugee Community Partnerships (RCP)
- Carrboro Community Health Center WIC (Piedmont)
- UNC Children's and Specialty Care Clinic at Carolina Pointe

[www.tarheeltrauma.org/homesafetypartnership](http://www.tarheeltrauma.org/homesafetypartnership)

**Firearm Safety in the Home**

- Children as young as 3 years old are strong enough to pull the trigger of a gun.
- You may think that your kids do not know where you hide a firearm, but they likely do. 1 in 5 NC middle and high schoolers say they could get and be ready to fire a loaded gun without a parent or other adult's permission in less than 10 minutes.
- Most fatal suicides involve a firearm. Securing your firearm will decrease the chances that it can be found by someone who is at-risk of hurting themselves or others.

**3 Things to Do to Prevent Firearm Injury**

1. Secure all firearms that are not in use. Unload and separate from the magazine.
2. Lock firearms in a secure container.
3. Store firearms unloaded and locked in a secure container.

**Preventing Childhood Falls**

- Accidental falls are the #1 reason for non-fatal injuries to children.
- Most serious falls happen at home -- in fact, children are twice as likely to fall at home than at a childcare facility.
- Younger kids most often fall from beds, stairs, couches, and tables, and on floors.

**Stairs**

- Use approved **safety gates** (or "baby gates") at the top and bottom of the stairs, and attach them to the wall if possible.
- Clear the stairs of any items to avoid tripping on them.
- Use a **nightlight** at the top and bottom of stairs if possible.
- Gates can also be used to keep a child in or out of a room to keep them safe.

**Bathroom**

- Never leave a child unattended in the bathtub. Limit distractions like your phone.
- Kids can become unstable and easily slip in wet tubs and showers.
- Place **non-slip mats or decals** in the bathtub or shower to avoid falling in the tub.
- Use a bath spout cover to prevent your child's head from hitting the hard metal faucet in the bathtub if they slip.

**Anywhere in the Home**

- Do not leave babies and small children unattended on beds.
- Secure kids when seated - use harnesses for car seats, strollers, swings, and carriers.
- Place car seats and carriers on the floor instead of a high surface.
- Baby walkers can move on their own. If possible, use a non-movable activity center instead.

Scan the QR code to the left or visit [safekids.org/falls](http://safekids.org/falls) to learn more about protecting children from falls and find more resources about kid safety and well-being.

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# UNLOAD, LOCK, SEPARATE

Secure Storage Practices to Promote Gun Safety



UNLOAD



LOCK



SEPARATE

# DESCARGAR, BLOQUEAR, SEPARAR

Prácticas de almacenamiento seguro para promover la seguridad de las armas



UNLOAD



LOCK



SEPARATE

Brought to you by the Orange County Firearm Safety Team



[Tarheeltrauma.org/gunsafety](https://tarheeltrauma.org/gunsafety)

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# Orange County Firearm Safety Team

- Monthly meetings
- 25 active members/20 organizations
- Website: [tarheeltrauma.org/gunsafety](https://tarheeltrauma.org/gunsafety)
- Secure storage resources and education
- 20 public sites for free cable gun locks
- Focused on:
  - Suicide
  - Assault/Homicide (including IPV/DV)
  - Accidental discharge

# Water Safety Education

- Virtual and in-person water safety parent/caregiver classes
- YouTube Videos
- Orange County resource sheet w/local swim classes, etc.

## WATER SAFETY

As the temperatures get warmer and we spend more time in the water – whether that's boating, swimming, fishing or just sitting by the pool – here's some things to remember so you can stay safe and healthy while spending time with family, friends, and nature.



### WEAR LIFE JACKETS

- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating or participating in other recreational activities on the water (Ex. paddleboards, kayaks, jet skis, and other motor craft).
- Keep weak and non-swimmers in life jackets when they are in AND around water.



### WATCH CHILDREN

- Always supervise children closely. Do not read, talk on the phone, or engage in any other distracting activity while watching children in or around water.
- Designate an adult to watch children in the water and take turns.
- Keep young children and inexperienced swimmers within arm's reach of an adult.



### POOL PRECAUTIONS

- Lock or use doorknob covers or an alarm with doors leading to pools and/or backyard.
- Empty smaller pools and take out ladders after use each time.
- Use pool covers when applicable.



### NATURAL WATER: RIVERS, LAKES, OCEAN

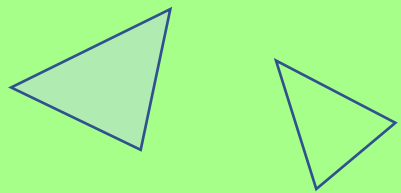
#### Teach teenagers and young adults:

- Always enter water feet first.
- Always swim with someone else and in designated areas.
- Don't drink alcohol. Keep drinking and other substances in check and monitor for friends who may have had too much.
- Know the local weather conditions and forecast.
- Reach, Throw, Don't Go....Call for help!



# Overdose Prevention/Safe Medication Disposal

- Operation Medicine Drops and National DEA Take Back Days
- Support permanent drop boxes
- Outreach events
- Provide lock boxes and chemical med disposal bags through home safety partnerships



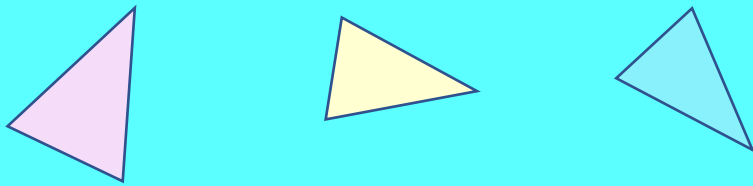
# Fire and Burn Safety

- October OCS Student Education
- Year-round outreach and education
- Smoke alarm assistance survey

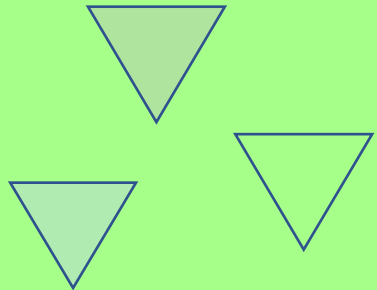


# Transportation Safety: Bicycle, Pedestrian

- Bicycle safety activities: Bike rodeos
- Walk/Bike to School Days
- Helmet distribution



# Hot Car Awareness Displays



# Additional Resources



- **Tar Heel Trauma Injury Prevention**  
[tarheeltrauma.org/child-injury-prevention](http://tarheeltrauma.org/child-injury-prevention)
- **Safe Kids:** [www.safekids.org/](http://www.safekids.org/)
- **NC DHHS Injury and Violence Prevention**  
[injuryfreenc.dph.ncdhhs.gov/](http://injuryfreenc.dph.ncdhhs.gov/)
- **CDC Injury and Violence:**  
[www.cdc.gov/injury/about/fast-facts.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/about/fast-facts.html)
- **Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/SafeKidsOrangeNC/](http://www.facebook.com/SafeKidsOrangeNC/)



# ***Thank You***

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