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## **Arizona Child Passenger Safety Week Begins Sunday**

*Education and Enforcement Program Runs from September 15 through September 21*

PHOENIX – The Governor's Office of Highway Safety announces the beginning of Child Passenger Safety week on Sunday, September 15 through Saturday, September 21. During this week, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will partner with state agencies, law enforcement, hospitals and non-profit organizations to educate drivers about child safety seat and booster seat usage.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, supports this program to increase child safety seat and booster seat usage throughout the state by educating the public and enforcing Arizona's child safety seat laws. Arizona laws require children under the age of five to be secured properly in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat. In August of 2012, Arizona passed its booster seat law, ARS 28-907. The law requires children who are at least five years of age, who are under eight years of age and who are not more than four feet nine inches tall to be restrained in a booster seat. This is a primary offense.

As part of the national Child Passenger Safety Week, law enforcement agencies throughout the State will have increased enforcement of Arizona's child safety seat laws as well as participating in community events with businesses, hospitals and community organizations to raise public awareness about the importance of child safety seats.

Law enforcement agencies will be partnering with fire departments, hospitals, health organizations, local businesses and non-profit groups to provide educational and public awareness activities promoting the proper use of child safety seats. A complete schedule of events is available on the GOHS website at [www.azgohs.gov](http://www.azgohs.gov).

In 2012, 9 children under the age of five were killed in motor vehicle collisions in Arizona and 912 Arizona children under the age of five sustained injuries resulting from motor vehicle collisions. In the same year, 9,744 children under the age of five involved in motor vehicle collisions were uninjured as a result of being properly secured in a child safety seat.

**"The enforcement and community events taking place over the next week will help prevent needless tragedies on our streets and highways,"** said Alberto Gutier. **"It is important that before you start a trip, no matter how short, your children are properly secured in a child safety or booster seat and that you take the time to buckle up."**

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