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Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Newsletter



Child Safety Seat PSA

The Portland Police Bureau, in partnership with OHSU Doernbecher Hospital, created a public service video regarding child safety seats. The video focuses on practical information for deciding when a child is ready to progress to the next stage of a child safety seat. Most kids are not ready to fit into most seatbelts in most cars until somewhere between 8 and 12 years of age.

[Child Safety Seat Video Link](#)

“The best way to protect children in cars is to use the right car seat or booster seat for the child’s age, weight and height, and developmental status,” said Dr. Ben Hoffman. “It’s important for families to make sure that their car seat or booster seat meets current U.S. safety standards. Sadly, we are seeing more dangerous counterfeit car seats being bought online. These counterfeit seats can’t protect kids in a crash, and so we encourage caregivers to only purchase certified car seats from a reputable online or brick-and-mortar retailer.”

Thank you!

Oregon achieved a 51% response rate for the national Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment! For tools to improve pediatric readiness, check out the Prehospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator section of the EMSC website, www.oregonemsc.org. In the future, the [assessment site](#) will reopen and agencies may retake the assessment for internal use and check progress from 2024.

EMSC Advisory Committee Member Application & Meeting

Applications are open for the new iteration of the [EMS for Children Advisory Committee](#) that is set to begin early 2025. Applications will close **October 31**.

Additional information is available on the [Boards and Committees page](#). Please reach out if you have questions about the EMS modernization changes or encounter any technical difficulties with the application.

October 10, 2024 | 0900-1200

EMSC Advisory Committee Meeting

In-person: 800 NE Oregon Street, #177 Portland, OR 97232

Virtual: [Zoom Meeting Link](#) | Meeting ID: 161 730 1047 | Passcode: 333501

This is a public meeting and an opportunity to learn about EMSC Program activities.

Drowning: Training and Treatment

Drowning is the [leading cause of death](#) in children ages 1 to 4 years and a common cause of death in toddlers and adolescents. Our [First Responder Training](#) takes on added importance. Here are some [Drowning Treatment Recommendations](#).

EMS Resources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021 National EMS Education Standards• 2021 National Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients• EMSC Website: Prehospital PECC Resources Free Training & Equipment• EMS Resource Toolkit: Training, funding, equipment, recruitment, etc.• Manage Stress: Training & Guide• Master Your Medics webinars | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Association of EMS Educators webinars• Oregon EMS Psychomotor Skills Lab Manual• Pediatric Education and Advocacy Kits: Agitation, Pain, Status Epilepticus, Suicide• Pediatric Prehospital Care podcasts• Prehospital Emergency Care Coordinator Resources: Right Call Cards• Responding to Children in Crisis |
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Available Upon Request

[Pediatric Patient Care Resource Sheets](#): heavy-duty laminated resource sheets with resuscitation, burn, vital signs, GCS, APGAR, and SpO₂ patient care information. Includes Velcro strips so have the option to attach to interior of emergency vehicles. Contact the EMSC Program, rachel.i.ford@oha.oregon.gov