

U and Universal Safety is Everybody's Responsibility!

Passenger Safety Laws : many of you provide services to children or to people who weigh a certain weight that requires a booster type seat. (from BuckleUpNC.org)

Ø A proper car seat or booster seat is required for children less than age 8 and less than 80 pounds. When a child reaches age 8 or 80 pounds a properly fitted seat belt can be used.

Ø The law does not specify which type of seat to be used, only that the seat is used properly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and meets all federal safety standards.

Ø Children who are less than 5 and less than 40 pounds must be in the back seat.

Ø Booster seats can NEVER be used with a lap belt only. Use a lap belt and shoulder belt.

Ø Remember: the driver is responsible for all children less than 16. While providing services, we are responsible for the safety of the person served.

Did you know?

In a recent study the chances of a person with a developmental disability getting injured is DOUBLE that of a person without the disability.

Safety tips:

Ø Being ready for a disaster is a part of maintaining your independence, so review emergency and evacuation procedures with the person served routinely

Ø Make sure any devices used such as a wheelchair remains in good working order

Ø People with disabilities are more likely to be bullied. Learn the signs of a bullying. Stopbullying.gov is a great resource.

Ø While working in the home observe any potential dangers that the person could encounter

Ø As staff, be familiar with transfers and lifting procedures (people with disabilities have fears of being dropped or injured while being transferred by staff)

Ø Maintain CPR and First Aid training to know what to do in the event of an emergency or injury.

Ø Have your first aid kit with you while providing services.

For those who say "it will never happen to me":

"When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experiences of nearly forty years at sea I merely say uneventful. I will say that I cannot imagine any condition which could cause a ship to flounder. I cannot conceive of any vital disaster happening to this vessel. Modern shipbuilding has gone beyond that"

EJ Smith (Captain of the Titanic)

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