



*Serving Gilliam,
Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and
Klickitat Counties*

Lead Agency

Hood River Co. Prevention

DepartmentPartners

- Next Door, Inc.
- Health Departments
- Oregon State Police
- Head Start & Migrant Head Start
- HRC Prevention Department
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Sherman Co EMS & MDT
- Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue
- Hood River Fire & EMS
- Schools
- Law Enforcement
- ODOT & WSDOT
- Department of Human Services
- Oregon & Washington Parks
- NW Natural Gas
- Mid Columbia Medical Center
- Mid-Columbia Health Foundation
- Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital
- Skyline Hospital

Prevention Priorities

- Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety
- Bicycle and Wheeled Sports Safety - helmets
- Water Safety

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2015 ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Safe Kids Columbia Gorge (SKCG) has three priority safety areas: child passenger safety, bicycle/sport helmet use and water safety.

Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety

Hood River and Wasco Counties each held monthly car seat safety classes in English and Spanish. Nine car seat check-up clinics and/or education events were held. Seat Belt Diversion classes were taught bi-monthly by volunteers to promote seat belt safety. Child Passenger Safety was taught at hospital New Parent Classes.

- 175 child safety seats were distributed to WIC income eligible class participants.
- 689 parents received direct information on safe child passenger seat usage at classes and events.
- 119 People completed a Seat Belt Diversion class.

Bicycle and Wheeled Sports Safety

Skyline Medical Center, Mid-Columbia Medical Center and Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital offered free helmets and fittings in emergency rooms.

- 445 all-sport and bike helmets were distributed to community members.

Water Safety

Eleven life jacket loaner kiosks are maintained in the Mid-Columbia region. Life jackets were provided through a generous donation from the International Order of the Blue Gavel.

2015 Highlights

Car seat safety and/or bike helmet safety education was available at nine community events: Cherry Festival, Easter Egg Hunt & Safety Fair, Odell, Parkdale & The Dalles Oregon Child Development Safety Fairs, Sherman County Children's Fair, The Dalles Children's Fair, Car Seat Clinic at Safeway (The Dalles), and "Get Ready" at Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue.

SKCG is in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area with the Columbia River and many smaller rivers and lakes. Life jacket kiosks are at 11 public beaches and boat launches in Oregon and Washington, US Army Corps of Engineers parks and two city-managed marinas and city parks. A variety of life jacket sizes are available for public use.