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## Safe Kids Day 2016

Harrisonburg, Va. - Kids are going to fall, crash, slip, and explore. It's part of being a kid but we can protect them from serious injuries.

Most people are surprised to learn that preventable injuries – things like car crashes, drowning incidents, fires, and falls – are the leading cause of death to kids in the United States. Around the world a million children die each year from preventable injuries.

As members of the Safe Kids Central Shenandoah Valley, we can change this. Safe Kids Day presented by Nationwide is a time to take action to keep kids safe.

Safe Kids Day will be held tomorrow, Friday, April 8 at the Dream Come True Playground on Neff Ave. from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Department of Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation, members of the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, Harrisonburg Fire Department, and Harrisonburg Police Department will be in attendance talking with visitors and showing different equipment.

Safe Kids members will conduct free car seat installations as well as other safety games and activities.

Please plan to bring your kids to the park tomorrow for a free fun and safety event!

*The City of Harrisonburg is home to four **Harrisonburg Fire Department** stations. The fire department is the lead agency for Safe Kids Central Shenandoah Valley. For more information about the fire department or Safe Kids, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire).*