



## Greene County Public Health

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# Press Release

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## Greene County Public Health to Host Cribs for Kids & Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Car Seat Giveaway on March 24

**XENIA, OH** – Greene County Public Health will hold a **Cribs for Kids Pack-N-Play Giveaway and Car Seat Giveaway/Inspection Event** on **Tuesday, March 24, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** at **360 Wilson Drive, Xenia.**

The event will help families keep babies and young children safe. Families can get **Infant Survival Kits** that include a **Pack-N-Play (cribette), fitted sheet, sleep sack, and safe sleep information.**

To get a **free Pack-N-Play**, families must live in **Greene County** and either be **at least 32 weeks pregnant** or have a **baby under one year old**. Must be WIC, SNAP, or Medicaid eligible to qualify. No sign-up is needed—**walk-ins are welcome** while supplies last.

The event also includes a **Car Seat Giveaway and Safety Check** behind the **Greene County Public Health building under the carport**. This is part of the **Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program**, which helps families get car seats and booster seats and shows how to use them safely.

Certified safety technicians will:

- Check car seats to make sure they are installed correctly
- Teach parents and caregivers how to use the seats safely
- Give new car seats or booster seats when available

Car seats can protect children from serious injury or death in a car crash.

The event will also teach families about **safe sleep for babies**. Even though infant deaths have dropped since the “Back to Sleep” campaign started in 1994, unsafe sleep is still the **leading cause of death for babies after the first month**. Three babies die each week in Ohio because of unsafe sleep. Babies are safest when they sleep **Alone, on their Back, in an empty Crib (ABCs of Safe Sleep)**.

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Families are encouraged to watch these **safe sleep videos** on the public health website at [www.greencophoh.gov/announcements](http://www.greencophoh.gov/announcements) (use Cribs for Kids in the search bar) before coming:

- Infant Safe Sleep
- Cribs for Kids Cribette Instructions
- Pediatrician loses baby to SIDS
- Why babies should sleep on their back
- Cribs for Kids Animation Airpipe
- Tummy Time

For questions about the event, call **Sarah Dodds at 937-374-5621** or email [sdodds@greencophoh.gov](mailto:sdodds@greencophoh.gov)

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