

**Shopping Cart Safety Twitter Posts**

**Tweets to Use with Toolkit Graphics:**

*(Research shows that tweets with images are more likely to attract attention and engagement. We recommend using these tweets with the shopping cart safety graphics available on the* [*toolkit page*](https://www.preventchildinjury.org/toolkits/shopping-cart-safety) *and on* [*Flickr*](https://www.flickr.com/photos/141879303@N06/albums/72157705810385825/with/39813251903/)*. Text on this page highlighted in yellow indicates a resource available on the toolkit webpage.)*

Thousands of children are injured every year associated with shopping carts. Before you put your child in a shopping cart, consider these safety tips. #shoppingcartsafety (use tip graphic)

The most common shopping cart injuries are to the head and neck and are caused by a child falling from the cart or the cart tipping over. Learn about shopping cart safety before taking your child to the store. #shoppingcartsafety (use tip graphic)

It can be a challenge to keep an eye on your child and look at the shelves while shopping. Follow these safety tips before using a shopping cart to help keep your child safe. #shoppingcartsafety (use tip graphic)

Leave your child with a trusted adult the next time you go shopping. Your shopping trip will go faster and you won’t have to worry about your child getting injured from shopping carts. #shoppingcartsafety

Always pick the right cart to put your child in when you go shopping. Look for carts with a seat low to the ground and a safety belt or harness that is not broken. #shoppingcartsafety

With so many interesting and fun items inside a shopping cart, a child can’t help but peek. Make sure your child stays off the sides of the cart because the cart may tip over easily and cause serious injuries. #shoppingcartsafety

If you need to use a shopping cart, always place your child in the seat of the cart and not the basket. Pick a cart that has a seatbelt that is not broken and always keep your child securely buckled. #shoppingcartsafety

Parents love when their kids like to help, but pushing a shopping cart is for adults only. Carts are hard to steer and may easily tip over making them unsafe for children to push. #shoppingcartsafety

**Tweets with Links to Existing Resources:**

Many parents don’t realize the dangers of shopping carts. Brush up on these tips from @AmerAcadPeds to make sure you are using shopping carts correctly to help keep your children safe. #shoppingcartsafety <http://bit.ly/2DdJpn7>

If you need to use a shopping cart, find one that has a child seat that sits low to the ground. Make sure to securely buckle your child and ensure that they remain seated. Follow these safety tips and more from @healthychildren. #shoppingcartsafety <http://bit.ly/2FHiXUR>

Riding in shopping carts can lead to concussions, broken bones, and even death among children. Always consider alternatives before taking your child to the store. Follow these safety tips from @NationwideKids to keep your child safe while you shop. #shoppingcartsafety <http://bit.ly/2MdZITU>