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News Release

Safe Kids Fest Runs Saturday, May 30th

(Kaysville, Utah) – Safe Kids Davis County is helping families safely get ready for summer by highlighting injury prevention during the Ninth Annual Safe Kids Fest on Saturday, May 30th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Barnes Park in Kaysville (200 North 900 West).

“Summer is known by the emergency personnel as ‘trauma season’ because it is the time of year when serious injuries of children increase dramatically,” said Jeri Boren, a community health educator in the Davis County Health Department and a Safe Kids Davis County co-coordinator. “This year’s Safe Kids Fest will provide more than 50 interactive booths to educate families on ways to stay safe while having fun!”

“In 2007, there were more than six million unintentional injuries to children ages 14 and under in the United States,” said Lewis Garrett, director of the county health department.

“That translates into 12 injuries per minute that required treatment in an emergency room.”

“Accidents are preventable and we want to provide every opportunity possible to inform families on ways to keep their children safe this summer,” he said.

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According to Boren, “We have the 5050 BMX stunt bike team doing shows along with teaching families about ways to stay safe while biking.” Other events at the fest include Radio Disney performers, Jazz Dancers, K9 dog demonstration, child ID kits, ATV safety, gun safety, lead testing, helicopter landings, and more than 50 interactive safety-themed booths.

Two hundred bike helmets and 30 kids ski helmets will be given away (one helmet per person – first come, first served). Also, free snow cones will be available.

“We strongly encourage families to come participate in the fest. The information learned and the activities conducted will help keep their loved ones safe while enjoying the summer months,” Boren said.

Sponsors for the Safe Kids Fest include the Davis Hospital and Medical Center, Layton Hills Mall, Kohl’s, Smith Optics, Utah Highway Safety Office, Wal-Mart, Waste Management, and the Davis County Health Department.

For more information about Safe Kids Fest, please call (801) 451-3395.

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