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## News Release

### Car Seat Inspections Scheduled

(Farmington, Utah) – Safe Kids Davis County offers free car seat safety inspections at the Syracuse IHC Clinics (2000 W. 745 S.) open house on Saturday, July 18th, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This service is provided to remind drivers to make sure all vehicle occupants are appropriately secured with a seatbelt, car seat, or booster seat.

“In Davis County, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children,” said Lewis Garrett, director of the Davis County Health Department. “Many children are put at risk because they are moved to an adult seat belt too soon.” Children should be in booster seats until they are 4’9” or 80 pounds according to national safety guidelines, he said.

Jeri Boren, Safe Kids Davis County co-coordinator, said, “During the inspections, nationally certified car seat technicians will be available to check seats for recalls, for proper installation, and ensure that the correct seat is being used. Also, they will do a seat belt fit check to see if your child or grandchild is ready to use the seat belt alone.”

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According to Boren, babies should be kept in rear-facing car seats for as long as their car seat allows, usually to about age 2 and 30 pounds – but at least until age 1 and 20 pounds. A forward-facing car seat can protect older toddlers up to 40 pounds or more depending on the weight limit for the harness.

“Every time you get in your car, it is important to make sure all occupants are buckled appropriately and secure all loose items so that they don’t become projectiles in case of a sudden stop or crash,” Boren said.

For further information, please contact Safe Kids Davis County with the Davis County Health Department at (801) 451-3395.

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