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Safe Kids Celebrates Child Passenger Safety Week

(Olathe, KS) September 27, 2018— With the number of children dying in car crashes on the rise, the need to keep kids secured in the right kind of car seat or booster seats is more urgent than ever. Safe Kids reports that the number of children killed in cars is the highest level in ten years. A total of 662 children ages 0 through 10— nearly two every day— died as passengers in motor vehicles in 2016. Almost 40 percent of child victims in fatal motor vehicle crashes were totally unrestrained, according to 2016 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Traffic Safety Facts.

Child restraint systems, when used properly, decrease the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent among infants, 54 percent among toddlers and 45 percent among kids ages 4 to 8 years.

In honor of Child Passenger Safety Week, Safe Kids Johnson County is hosting a car seat checkup event for parents and caregivers to help ensure children are riding as safely as possible.

What: Child Passenger Safety Seat Checkup Event

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Where: McCarthy Chevrolet (Inside the Service Department)
675 North Rawhide
Olathe, KS**

No appointment needed. First come, first checked. Allow 30 minutes per seat, child must be present unless it is an expectant parent/caregiver.

Safe Kids Johnson County, Pilot Club of Shawnee Mission and Children's Mercy Hospital are co-sponsoring these lifesaving safety checks.

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