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Free Car Seat Inspections

JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS (September 24, 2014) – Safe Kids Johnson County, Leawood Police Department, Children’s Mercy Hospital, State Farm Insurance and the Pilot Club of Shawnee Mission will host a free child seat inspection event on Thursday, September 25, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at State Farm Insurance (Parking Lot), 4701 College Blvd., Leawood, Kan.

Safety specialists will examine child car seats at the events for proper use, installation, age/size appropriateness, and also alert parents and caregivers to any recalled products.

Organizers suggest participants allow at least 30 minutes for each car seat inspection. The car seat inspections are free and no appointment is needed (first come, first checked).

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death to children. In 2011, 679 children ages 12 and under died in motor vehicle crashes. A third of these children (221) were riding without a child safety seat or seat belt that could have saved their lives. In addition, older children are more often unrestrained in fatal car crashes compared to younger children.

“It only takes one time to be riding in a vehicle without buckling up for a life to be changed forever. We want to remind all parents and caregivers that it’s important to buckle up their kids every time, on every ride.” said Katie Schatte, Safe Kids Johnson County coordinator.

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About Johnson County, Kansas

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 560,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. For more information visit the county’s website at www.jocogov.org.