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News Release

Two Car Seat Checkpoints Set Up In Davis County

(Farmington, Utah) – Staff members with the Davis County Health Department are running two car seat checkpoints during September as they work toward the state and Davis County goal of Zero Fatalities. A checkpoint will be conducted on Saturday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Costco located at 573 W. 100 N. in Bountiful. Another checkpoint will be on Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Clinton Fire Department’s new station (2153 N. 1500 W.), from 5-8 p.m., in conjunction with their open house.

“We urge everyone to have their child checked to be sure they are using the right restraint – a car seat, booster seat, or seatbelt. When it comes to the safety of the child, there is no room for mistakes,” said Teresa Smith, a health educator with the county’s health department. “Booster seats and seat belts are just as important for older kids as car seats are for younger kids,” she said.

Occupant protection continues to be a major focus of the Safe Communities Program at the Davis County Health Department, especially during this year’s Child Passenger Safety Week observance, Sept. 12-19.

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According to Lewis Garrett, director of the Davis County Health Department, statistics show that use of car seats and booster seats doesn't continue for some families. "The National Traffic Safety Administration's study in 2008 showed the use of child restraints decline as children get older." Restraint use statistics start at 99 percent for children birth to 12 months, according the report, he said. "Unfortunately, it drops to 92 percent for kids ages 1 to 3 and to only 85 percent for kids ages 8 to 12."

"Parents and caregivers need to remember passenger safety is a lifetime commitment," said Garrett. "It doesn't stop when your child outgrows his or her car seat."

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