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## News Release

### Safe Kids Fest Runs Saturday, May 22nd

(Kaysville, Utah) – Safe Kids Davis County is helping families safely get ready for summer by highlighting injury prevention during the Tenth Annual Safe Kids Fest on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Barnes Park in Kaysville (200 North 900 West).

“As spring’s temperatures increase, so does the amount of time that children spend outdoors playing sports,” said Chris Bateman, a community health educator in the Davis County Health Department and a Safe Kids Davis County co-coordinator. “This means that the number of injuries to children can increase. That’s why Safe Kids Fest provides more than 50 interactive booths to educate families on ways to stay safe while having fun!”

“Each year, more than 3.5 million children ages 14 years and younger receive medical treatment for sports injuries in the United States,” said Lewis Garrett, director of the county health department. “That equals 7 injuries per minute that require medical attention.”

“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 Bateman, “We will have the Sportsplex staff conducting clinics teaching kids how to play sports safely.” Other events at the fest include Radio Disney performers, Jazz Dancers, Star Wars characters, K9 dog demonstration, child ID kits, gun safety, lead testing, ATV safety, helicopter landings, and more than 50 interactive safety-themed booths.

More than 250 bike 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,” Bateman said.

Sponsors for the Safe Kids Fest include the Davis Hospital and Medical Center, Kohl’s, Boondocks Fun Center, 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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