



## JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### SAFE KIDS JOHNSON COUNTY OFFERS FREE CAR SEAT CHECK UP EVENT

(OLATHE, KS –OCTOBER 19, 2007) Safe Kids Johnson County is conducting a free Car Seat Check Up event on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at the Babies R Us, 8500 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, hundreds of lives could be saved and over 20,000 injuries prevented annually if:

- 1) All children ages four and under were properly restrained in car seats, and
- 2) All children between 40 and 80 pounds were correctly fitted into booster seats.

Of those kids who **are** buckled up, four out of five are not restrained properly or their safety seat is incorrectly installed. Child car seats are extremely effective when accurately used and installed, reducing the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers.

Safety specialists will examine child car seats at the event for proper use, installation, age/size appropriateness, and also alert parents to any recalled products. This event is a great way for parents to make sure their children are buckled up right.

*Safe Kids Johnson County is part of the Safe Kids Worldwide  
the only International organization dedicated solely to the prevention of  
unintentional childhood injury – the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.  
For more information about Safe Kids Johnson County, please call  
the Safe Kids Coordinator at 913-477-8312.*

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