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### **Free car seat inspections offered at Kingman's Spring Fling**

Unfortunately, motor vehicle crashes claim the lives of many young children every year. Many of those deaths can be blamed on child safety seats that either are not installed correctly or not used at all. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates nearly 80 percent of child safety seats are not installed correctly.

If you use a child safety seat to transport your child, are you certain it's properly placed in your vehicle? Why take a chance? Free car seat inspections will be provided by Certified Passenger Safety Technicians from the Kingman County Health Department at the Spring Fling at Kingman High School on Saturday, April 5. Inspections will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Those taking advantage of an inspection will have the peace of mind knowing their children are at a lower risk of being killed or seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident, should an accident occur. Proper use of car seats slashes motor vehicle-related deaths by about 70 percent for babies and by 54 percent for children ages 1-4 years (NHTSA statistics).

A few mistakes commonly made when installing car seats include:

- using the wrong car seat for a child's age and size.
- facing the car seat in the wrong direction.
- placing the car seat incorrectly in relation to the vehicle's air bag system.
- incorrect installation and tightness of the car seat to the vehicle's seat.
- using broken, defective or outdated car seats.

Bring your car seat, your child and your questions to the Kingman County Health Department Car Seat Inspection on Saturday morning, April 5. If you are not able to come to the inspection, our Certified Passenger Safety Technician is available during usual business hours at 125 N. Spruce in Kingman. You also can reach the technician at 620-532-2221. For those meeting certain income guidelines, the Kingman County Health Department also has car seats available at no cost.

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