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Safe Kids Benton-Franklin Offers Free Car Seat Inspections on Saturday

Certified technicians help parents correctly use and install car and booster seats on final day of Child Passenger Safety Week

Kennewick, WA – Safe Kids Benton-Franklin will be offering free car seat checks on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in West Richland. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will provide hands-on training for parents and caregivers at Benton County Fire District #4 at 2604 Bombing Range Road. No appointments are needed.

“Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent,” said Kathleen Clary-Cooke, Coordinator of Safe Kids Benton-Franklin. “We want all parents to make sure their car seats are used and installed correctly and that the whole family is buckled up every time on every ride. And we’re here to help.”

The event is part of National Seat Check Saturday, the final day of Child Passenger Safety Week (September 23-29). The National Highway Traffic Administration estimates that fewer than one in four car seats are installed or used correctly. Washington State law requires that children be properly restrained in a car seat or booster until they fit in the adult seat belt, which usually happens when the child is 4’9” tall.

Car seat inspections offer drivers the chance to receive assistance and guidance from certified car seat technicians regarding proper installation of their child safety and booster seats. Safe Kids Benton-Franklin also hosts monthly car seat inspections. For more information, call 509-460-4214.

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