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July Safety Seat Inspections

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Division is proud to partner with Safer New Mexico Now to reduce deaths and injuries on our state's roadways. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the proper use of a child safety seat reduces the risk of death among infants by 71% and 53% for older children. In order for a safety seat to be effective, it should fit the child, the vehicle and be used consistently and correctly.

Often times, parents or caregivers don't realize there might be a problem with the child's safety seat. According to Safer, three out of four car seats are not installed correctly. Each month, trained and certified child passenger safety seat technicians will inspect your child's car seat or booster at various locations around the state.

Parents and caregivers will also receive education on the proper selection, installation and use of safety seats. They must bring the car seat and if possible the child. The fitting stations are by appointment only. The clinics are first-come, first-served. All of the public service events are funded by NMDOT.

For more information go to www.safernm.org or to make an appointment, call 800-231-6145 or 505-856-6143

This month's car seat clinics are listed below.

Friday, July 5 – Fitting Station – RIO RANCHO

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fire Station #1, 2810 Southern Blvd.

Instructor: Cody Roberts

Friday, July 12 – Fitting Station – ALBUQUERQUE

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fire Station #20, 7520 Corona Ave.

Instructor: Katherine Schafer

Friday, July 12 – Fitting Station – SANTA FE

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fire Station #3, 1751 Cerrillos Rd.

Instructor: Jerremy Manzanares

Saturday, July 13 – Child Safety Seat Clinic – GRANTS

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cibola General Hospital, 1016 E. Roosevelt Instructor: Jerremy Manzanares

Thursday, July 18 – Fitting Station – ALBUQUERQUE

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fire Station #14, 9810 Eucariz Ave. SW

Saturday, July 20 – Fitting Station – ARTESIA

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fire Station #2, 309 North 7th St.

Saturday, July 20 – Child Safety Seat Clinic – LAS CRUCES 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Farm Bureau Financial Services, 2220 North Telshor Blvd.

 $Saturday, \ July\ 20-Fitting\ Station-FARMINGTON$

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fire Station #2, 3800 English Rd.

Instructor: Cheryl Cothern

Friday, July 26 – Fitting Station – SANTA FE

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Kohl's, 4401 Cerrillos Rd.

Instructor: Domanic Gabaldon