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**Child Car Seat Safety Check March 19**

Did you read and understand the instructions that came with your child's car seat? Is the chest harness clip in the right position?

All parents are encouraged to come to the child car seat safety seat check sponsored by the Kiwanis to be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm in the Food Lion parking lot near McDonalds.

Pam Turner of the Health Department and Mike Trollinger of EMS are two nationally certified child passenger safety technicians who will be checking for improperly installed and recalled car seats.

"We want each child to leave as safe or even safer from the car seat check," Turner said.

Research shows that most children are not properly secured in their car seat. Some of the most common mistakes are placing children in seats that are not appropriate for their age and not properly securing the car seat in the vehicle.

All car seats should be placed in the back seat and never in the path of an airbag. Infants should be placed in a rear-facing infant or convertible car seat, and should stay facing the rear until they are one year old and 20 pounds.

North Carolina law states that children must remain in a booster seat until they are eight years old or 80 pounds.

Once you have the proper car seat it is easy to improperly secure the seat or your child.

For more information call Caswell County Partnership for Children at (336) 694-1538.