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Are You Car Seat Safe?

If you and your child were in a car accident, would they be safe in their car seat? When it comes to the protection of children, you can never be too safe. National Child Passenger Safety Week is September 21-27 and counties across Georgia and the nation will be participating. In collaboration with this week, the Lowndes County Health Department will be sponsoring a free Car Seat Safety Inspection on Thursday, September 25 from 2 to 4 PM at Wal-Mart on Norman Drive. Technicians will be available to check car seats to make sure they are installed properly, will show you how to install them properly and make sure you are buckling your children in properly.

In 2006 in Georgia, 43 children ages 0-9 died in motor vehicle crashes. Many of these lives could have been saved if the children had been riding in appropriate and correctly installed child safety seats. Also, in 2006, it is estimated that 425 lives nationwide were saved due to child safety seats. In addition to compatibility issues, many parents and caregivers do not read the car seat instructions or the owner's manual of their vehicle. Those who do read them, may find that the instructions and manuals are just too confusing. "We are here as a resource to them," said Norma Miranda, of Lowndes County Health Department. "Some may have never known the proper way to do it, while others have not dealt with car seats in a long time. Things are always changing."

The event is open and free to the public. For more information contact Norma Miranda, Car Seat Technician at 333-5257.

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