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FREE HELP FOR PARENTS

Are you doing everything possible to protect your children?

Car seats save lives – but they have to be used correctly. Too many times these days we hear about kids hurt in car crashes or thrown from a car because the seat wasn't installed properly or the child wasn't sitting in a car seat at all.

This Saturday, March 1st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rural/Metro will hold two events in the east valley to help parents make sure their car seats fit the children and are properly installed. Parents, grandparents, foster parents and people who carry kids in their cars can find help at Fountain Hills Fire Station 1, 16426 E. Palisades or Wal-Mart, 1725 W. Hunt Highway, San Tan Valley.

The [Governor's Office of Highway Safety](#) (GOHS) also works to make sure Arizonans with small children can properly protect them. If you have a small child that does not have a car seat, contact GOHS at 602-255-3216 to learn about low-cost and free options.

This weekend's event is part of an ongoing effort to protect children riding in cars. [A Safe Ride Home](#) is an ongoing program that Arizona and Sonora, Mexico, started last summer. Both states are working to educate all parents about the importance of buckling up children based on a [Declaration of Cooperation](#) signed at last summer's Arizona-Mexico Commission meeting.

Arizona, along with Rural/Metro and other partners, is collecting gently used and new car seats to donate to our neighbors to the south to protect the children. You can drop off your car seats at several Rural/Metro locations around the state, or in Phoenix at the Department of Health Services (150 N. 18th Avenue), and through March 17th at Courtesy Chevrolet (1233 East Camelback Road). For more information on that program, visit www.asaferidehome.org

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