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*Southeastern District Health Department Announces Safety Seat Check-Up*

Pocatello – State Farm Insurance and SafeKids Southeastern Idaho announce a Safety Seat Check-Up to be held on Saturday, September 22, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Pocatello Office parking lot, 911 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, in Pocatello.

The new Idaho Booster Seat law requiring children age 6 and younger to be properly secured when riding in motor vehicles took effect July 1. Violation of the law will result in a \$69 fine to the driver.

A booster seat elevates a child so a seat belt can fit correctly. Most seat belts are designed to protect an average-sized adult male. Young children using only seat belts are at risk of injuries to the abdomen and spine, can be ejected from the vehicle and are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash than if secured in a booster seat.

Children taller than 4 feet 9 inches may be big enough to wear seat belts alone. All children 12 and younger, or less than 100 pounds, should ride in the back seat and never in front of an air bag.

Stop by and have your child's safety seat inspected for correct installation and fit for your child. For more information or to make an appointment contact Cherie Nelson at 478-6315, or visit [www.sdhdidaho.org](http://www.sdhdidaho.org), for more information on this event and other health department information.

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