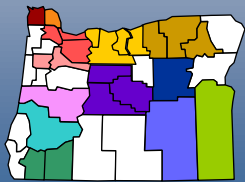


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Safe Kids Day at the Zoo

Safe Kids Portland Metro would like to thank all of their fabulous partners who made it a great day at the zoo in April. Attendance this year was 5,460 - of those, 3066 were Head Start families! No doubt the cold temperatures affected attendance, along with the rain, rain, and... more rain.

Special thanks go to State Farm, who sponsored promos on Radio Disney, along with the show on event day. KATU Channel 2 also showed up and got some footage on the day of the event. MANY partners commented on what wonderful student volunteers they had- likely due to the Volunteer Coordinator and Volunteer Training!



The Water Safety booth at Safe Kids Day at the Zoo



Buster the Bus at the Safety Fun Fair

The Safety Fun Fair

Union County’s 10th annual Safety Fun Fair, sponsored by **Safe Kids Union County**, was held April 26-27 in conjunction with National Safe Kids Week. Kindergarten, first, second and third graders had a chance to learn about eight different safety topics at six safety stations held at the Blue Mt. Conference Center in La Grande.

New this year was the Fire House, which taught the students how to escape out of an

upstairs bedroom and what to do if a kitchen fire occurs. The Fire House had actual smoke alarms that went off and a 911 dispatcher on hand to take calls from the students.

Two nursing students from Eastern Oregon University (EOU) helped with the bicycle safety and brain injury prevention and poison prevention, along with several EOU athletes volunteering their time to dress up as mascots: Vince and Larry the Crash Dummies, Smokey Bear and Sparky to greet and entertain the students as they were coming into the Safety Fair.

More than 1290 children were impacted by the group’s outreach (100% of Union County K-3 Grade), which in turn reached out to their families and friends - effectively touching thousands of lives!

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“Injury Prevention as Every Oregonian’s Approach to Life.”



**This Month's SK Coordinator Focus
Safe Kids Columbia Gorge –
Joella Dethman**

Hi, Safe Kids advocates! My name is Joella Dethman. I got involved with car seat safety 26 years ago, when the local chapter of American Association of University Women needed someone to take over a car seat rental program they had started. Many things have changed since then. Thankfully, we can no longer put our babies next to us in the front seat, forward facing, in a bucket seat with no internal straps!

I am now the coordinator of Safe Kids Columbia Gorge. Currently, we have 15 active members and 14 Certified Technicians. Last year, we distributed over 150 seats and trained 293 people! All this activity wouldn't have happened without our dedicated group of volunteers who give their time and energy to make kids safer.

My husband and I enjoy living in the Columbia Gorge area, where we are able to hike many of the gorge trails on weekends. We are looking forward to having grandchildren someday, but are enjoying these years in which our kids are grown, our parents are healthy and we can be actively involved in community projects.

Upcoming Opportunities

**CPS Technician Meeting:
Working with Diverse Populations**

ACTS Oregon and Safe Kids Oregon are hosting a meeting to provide an opportunity for CPS Technicians to share ideas, successes and challenges in working with families from diverse backgrounds and/or with limited English proficiency. The meeting will be held from 10 AM – 3 PM on June 6 at the Oregon Child Development Coalition, 9140 SW Pioneer Ct. Suite E, Wilsonville, OR 97070. Please contact Sandy Holt to RSVP for the event at: sandyh@actsoregon.org.



Tom Sargent Safety Center/Safe Kids Oregon 3rd Annual Childhood Injury Prevention Training



Save the Date! Safe Kids Oregon and Doernbecher's Tom Sargent Safety Center will host the 3rd annual injury prevention training on October 20 at

Doernbecher Children's Hospital, from 8:30-4:30. Updated safety information, along with a focus on where to access resources statewide, will be a focus.

More information on this event will be arriving in our September newsletter!



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Community Action Heroes

Safe Kids North Coast's very own Tara Constantine and Kathy Murray-Lang were chosen to be featured in the Providence Seaside Community Action Heroes calendar of 2011. Find them on the calendar in the month of August, modeling how to install a car seat correctly. Way to go, ladies!



The calendar picture of Tara and Kathy.

Kidfest 2011

Safe Kids Oregon & Safe Kids Portland Metro staffed a pre-driver Countdown2Drive educational booth during Kidfest 2011. While older kids signed up on the Countdown2Drive website with their parents at the event, younger kids played the "Ride Like a Friend" beanbag game next door. Thanks go to Radio Disney and State Farm for their ongoing support of this important program. More Countdown2Drive events are being scheduled for the summer months.



The "CountDown2Drive" booth at Kidfest.

Safe Kids Partner Profile – Radio Disney



This year, Radio Disney has been working to increase messaging about safe passenger behavior to pre-drivers. Through a partnership with Safe Kids Oregon and State Farm, Radio Disney has taken the “Ride Like a Friend” and “Countdown2Drive” safe passenger campaign out into the community. The campaign is geared to educate pre-drivers about the importance of passenger behavior—an important skill to learn in preparation of driving. Parents are also invited to participate with their teen on stage at community events, and through the Countdown2Drive web-based driving safety program. Are you a safe passenger?

- Buckle Up
- Turn down the Volume
- Turn off your Cell Phone
- Be there to Help



Be looking for us at the Safety Safari inside Tigard Festival of Balloons on June 26th!



June Health Focus: Fire Summer Safety



The summer months are a time when families enjoy doing a variety of activities outdoors; however, it’s also when barbecue grills and fireworks cause devastating residential fires and serious injuries to children.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 57 percent of grill fires on residential properties occur in the four months of May through August. Safe Kids Oregon urges parents to practice these safety tips to reduce the risk of a residential fire or a trip to the emergency room and ensure this summer is a safe one for your family.

Grilling Safety

- Only use the grill outdoors.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a grill.
- When cooking food, use long-handled grilling tools to give plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot catch fire.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, stir them to ensure that fire is out.
- If you smell gas while cooking on a propane gas grill, immediately get away from grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

Gasoline Safety

- Never use gas to start a fire.
- Keep gas out of reach of children. Out of sight isn’t enough, for any age. Store your gasoline where children cannot access it in a well-ventilated area outside your vehicle and living space.
- Use gasoline containers with a spout and automatic shut-off to prevent overfilling of fuel tanks.
- Never use old soda bottles to store gas; children may think it’s a beverage and drink it.
- Keep gas away from any source of heat, spark or flame. Even common household appliances like water heaters and clothes dryers can ignite gas vapors.

Updated Safety Crib Requirements

Beginning June 28, 2011 all cribs sold in the U.S. must meet new federal requirements for overall crib safety. The five new federal requirements are that:

- Traditional drop-side cribs cannot be made or sold; immobilizers and repair kits are not allowed
- Wood slats must be made of stronger woods to prevent breakage
- Crib hardware must have anti-loosening devices to keep it from coming loose or falling off
- Mattress supports must be more durable
- Safety testing must be more rigorous



Please visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Crib Information Center for more information: <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html>

Oregon Legislative Update



House Bill 3590 is on its way to becoming Oregon law! This bill allows for the use of car safety seats with internal harnesses to be used for children over 40 pounds. Currently, there are many higher weight harness systems on the market which are considered a safer way to travel than booster seats. HB 3590 addresses this issue and will add an amendment to the current law allowing the use of these restraints.

Safe Kids Oregon is housed in the Oregon Public Health Division's Injury Prevention & Epidemiology Section.



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Safe Kids Oregon encourages readers to share their news with us. If you have an issue you would like to see covered in the statewide Safe Kids newsletter, or if you know of an article, event, or other item of interest, we would like to hear from you.

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-Safety Observance Calendar-



June is:

National Safety Month

[http://www.nsc.org/
nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month](http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month)



-and-

**Home Safety
Month**

[http://www.homesafety
council.org/
homesafetymonth](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/homesafetymonth)



August is:

Back-to-School Safety Month

[http://www.safekids.org/safety-
basics/safety-spotlight/back-to-
school-safety/](http://www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-spotlight/back-to-school-safety/)



June 21

**National Ask Day (Gun
Safety)**

[http://www.paxusa.org/
ask/askday.html](http://www.paxusa.org/ask/askday.html)



June and July
are:

**Fireworks Safety
Months**

[http://www.
fireworksafety.com/](http://www.fireworksafety.com/)

-Upcoming Conference-

World Aquatic Health Conference

October 12-14, 2011

Seattle, WA

[http://www.nspf.org/en/Conference/Conference
2011.aspx](http://www.nspf.org/en/Conference/Conference2011.aspx)

