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CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION RESOURCE BULLETIN

CDC STUDY SHOWS THAT CHILD PASSENGER DEATHS HAVE DECREASED 43% FROM 2002-2011

Motor vehicle crash deaths among children 12 and younger has decreased by 43 percent from 2002-2011; however, still more than 9,000 children died in crashes during that period, according to a new Vital Signs report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Research has shown that using age and size appropriate child restraints (car seats, booster seats, and set belts) is the best way to save lives and reduce injuries in a crash. Yet the report found that almost half of all black (45 percent) and Hispanic (46 percent) children who died in crashes were not buckled up, compared to 26 percent of white children (2009-2010)

For more information please visit: www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclessafety and www.safercar.gov.



2011 STATEWIDE CHILD DEATH REPORT

You can locate the report @
<http://www.dcss.state.nv.us/Reports/2011StatwideChildDeathReport.pdf>

DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN (DEC)

"A drug endangered child is a person, under the age of 18, who lives in or is exposed to an environment where drugs, including pharmaceuticals, are illegally used, possessed, trafficked, diverted, and/or manufactured and, as a result of that environment: the child experiences, or is at risk of experiencing, physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; the child experiences, or is at risk of experiencing, medical, educational, emotional, or physical harm, including harm resulting or possibly resulting from neglect; or the child is forced to participate in illegal or sexual activity in exchange for drugs or in exchange for money

likely to be used to purchase drugs." — Federal Interagency Task Force for Drug Endangered children (2010)

Research and Statistics:

- Between 2002 and 2007, an estimated 2.1 million children in the U.S. (3.0%) lived with at least one parent who abused or was dependent on illicit drugs.
- Studies of children in foster care find that 40% to 80% of families involved with child welfare having substance abuse problems.
- A 2003 study analyzing administrative data regarding persons treated for substance abuse in California found 295,000 parents (or 27%) had one or more children removed from their custody by child welfare services.
- You can also view Nevada's significant trends, data, and major issues relating to drugs: http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/state_profile_-_nevada_o.pdf



WINDOW FALLS PUBLICITY SAVES CHILDREN'S LIVES

In the U.S. about 3,300 children under the age of 6 fall from windows every year with 70% falling from second or third story windows. In Oregon, about 50 children ages 0-5 fall from windows annually. The majority of window falls occur between the months of May and September, typically during warmer weather when windows are open for cooling and ventilation. When opening windows, Stop and Lock at 4 inches.

Windows Fall Safety Tips to Protect Your Child

- Only allow windows to open 4 inches. Install a window stop to keep children from opening them further. Be sure an adult can open the window in an emergency.
- If you open windows wider than 4 inches, install window guards with an emergency release device.
- Remember, windows also serve as a secondary means of escape during an emergency.
- Make sure windows are still accessible and can open fully without special knowledge or tools.
- Do not rely on insect screens to prevent a window fall. Screens are to keep bugs out, not kids in.
- Keep windows locked and closed when not in use.
- Keep furniture — or anything children can use to climb — away from windows.
- Teach children to play a safe distance from windows and enforce this rule in your home (i.e. "we play two big steps from windows").
- When buying new windows, ask for ones with built-in-4-inch-limiters.
- Website: <http://www.stopat4.com/>



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