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## **NMDOT Sponsors Statewide Child Safety Seat Clinic**

SANTA FE– For one day this month, parents and caregivers have the opportunity to take part in a national child safety seat clinic. The New Mexico Department of Transportation is pleased to sponsor the annual statewide child safety seat clinics on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The clinics will take place at nine different locations throughout the State as part of National Child Passenger Safety Week Seat Check Saturday.

“Monthly car seat clinics and stations around the state, but this kind of national event is really special.” Said Transportation Secretary Mike Sandoval. “Our partnership with Safer New Mexico Now provide parents and caregivers an opportunity to play a hands-on role in the safety of their children. Our goal is to ensure children – and all vehicle occupants – are properly buckled and leave safer than when they arrived. Just a few minutes can help save your child’s life.” Adds Sandoval.

According to the NHTSA, motor vehicle-related injuries remain a leading cause of death for children ages 15 and younger. Using child safety seats decreases the risk of death by an estimated 71% for rear-facing infants and 54% for older, forward-facing children. Additionally, belt-positioning booster seats reduce the likelihood of significant injury for 4- to 8-year-old children over the use of seat belts alone.

At the statewide event, parents and caregivers will spend approximately 30 minutes per seat working directly with a certified child passenger safety technician. During each seat check, technicians will provide education about the proper selection, installation, and use of child safety seats. To ensure the best possible fit, parents and caregivers should bring their child safety seat, and if possible, the child.

The clinics are a public service provided by the NMDOT's Traffic Safety Division and Safer New Mexico Now. There is no charge for the service, however a seat replacement fee may apply. For more information, or to find the nearest clinic to you, visit [www.safernm.org](http://www.safernm.org) or call (800) 231-6145 Monday-Friday. Statewide child safety seat clinics will be held at the following locations:

- **Albuquerque:**  
Kohl's, 6800 Holly Avenue NE
- **Bernalillo:**  
Walmart, 460 NM 528
- **Carlsbad:**  
Fire Station #1, 409 S. Halagueno Street
- **Clovis:**  
Walmart, 3728 North Prince Street
- **Deming:**  
Deming Fire Department, 309 S. Gold Street
- **Farmington:**  
Fire Station #2, 3800 English Road
- **Las Cruces:**  
Kohl's, 2500 North Triviz Drive
- **Roswell:**  
Superior Ambulance, 115 E. Country Club Road
- **Santa Fe:**  
JCPenney, 4250 Cerrillos Road

For more information about National Child Passenger Safety Week and National Seat Check Saturday, or for other child passenger safety information, call (800) 231-6145 or visit [www.safernm.org](http://www.safernm.org).

For more information about the New Mexico Department of Transportation, visit [www.dot.state.nm.us](http://www.dot.state.nm.us).

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