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**CHRISTIAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND TAYLORVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
TO HOST FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK**

Taylorville, IL – The Christian County Health Department, in partnership with the Taylorville Fire Department, will host a free car seat safety check on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Taylorville Fire House, located at 202 N. Main Street, Taylorville, IL 62568.

The health department's Director of Nursing, Chelsey Davis, a Certified National Child Passenger Safety Technician, will join the Fire Department's certified technician to ensure car seats are correctly installed and provide assistance with installing new seats.

Families are encouraged to bring:

- The child who will be riding in the seat (or their height and weight if the child cannot attend)
- The vehicle owner's manual
- The car seat instruction manual

Upon arrival, participants should pull into the designated area marked with cones.

As a special offering, the Christian County Health Department will provide two free booster seats to the first two families who participate in a check or installation.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car seats and boosters are essential for protecting infants and children in crashes. However, car accidents remain a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. Choosing, installing, and using the correct car seat every time a child rides in the car is critical for safety.

For questions or more information, please contact the Christian County Health Department at 217-824-4113.