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Please publish the attached press release as often and as soon as possible. If you have any questions you may call me at 860-665-8571. Thank you.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Save Your Child's Life: Local Towns Hosting Safety Seat Checks

Did you know that correctly used car seats and booster seats are extremely effective in reducing the risk of death in a crash by as much as 71 percent? According to Safe Kids Worldwide, the number of children killed in crashes has dropped significantly in the last 30 years, due to the usage of properly installed infant seats.

The Central Connecticut Health District, in conjunction with local Police Departments, would like to extend their assistance to reduce this number of infant and child mortality. The Departments will be hosting an event during National Public Health Week, April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>, to provide an opportunity for families to ensure the safety of their children. This event will highlight child passenger safety issues including education for parents and family caregivers, as well as the proper installation of all car seats.

The safety seat checks will be available in following towns:

**Berlin: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Berlin Police Station by appointment only. Please call (860) 828-7082.**

**Newington: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 8pm-4pm, by appointment only. Please leave a voicemail for Officer Kennedy at 860-594-6229.**

**Wethersfield: Thursday, April 7, 2011, all day by appointment only. Please call Officer Newton at (860)721-2712.**

Results from previous safety seat checks have shown that 4 out of 5 car seats are used incorrectly. Don't let one of them be yours!

Residents of the Central CT Health District, including the towns of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield are welcome. Please bring your car's owner manual to your appointment and instruction booklet for the seat.

**For more information please call Hilary Norcia, MPH at 860-665-8571.**

