

A healthy pregnancy includes motor vehicle safety for mom and baby.



KANSAS MATERNAL MORTALITY ACTION ALERT

Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee Findings

- * Approximately 27% (10/37 deaths) were the result of a motor vehicle accident in 2016-2017.
- * Frequently, the women were not wearing seat belts and were ejected from the vehicle.
- * Deaths occurred during pregnancy and the postpartum period.

What the State is Doing

- ⇒ Partnering with Safe Kids Kansas to create a campaign to remind moms, dads and kids about the importance of using seat belts
- ⇒ Creating resources for maternal and child health providers and partners to share with their patients on the importance of seat belt safety
- ⇒ Encouraging all those who interact with pregnant or postpartum women to discuss the importance of seat belt safety

What Providers Can Do

- ⇒ Talk with your patients about seat belt use during pregnancy
- ⇒ Dispel myths around seat belts, airbags and pregnancy
- ⇒ Provide resources to patients to help them understand how to properly wear a seat belt around their growing belly
- ⇒ Remind pregnant and postpartum moms that their safety is just as important as the safety of their baby



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