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The Taney County Health Department Celebrates Baby Safety Awareness Month
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September has been designated as “Baby Safety Awareness Month” by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) since 1991. This month the Taney County Health Department (TCHD) is dedicated to educating parents on the importance of choosing and using the best baby products.

“Preventing injuries and illness is what we do at TCHD.” states Kara Miller, Community Health Educator at TCHD, “We educate parents and caregivers every day on safe sleep and car seat safety. Helping caregivers understand what a safe sleep environment looks like or how to install a car seat correctly goes a long way in preventing injuries.”

Here are 5 tips for parents during baby safety month.

- A firm mattress and fitted sheet are all that is needed to give baby a safe place to sleep.
- Place baby’s crib and other furniture away from windows. This will help to prevent falls and strangulation that could happen if window coverings have strings or cords.
- To avoid scalding burns, set your water heater to 120°. This will guarantee that the water never gets to a point where it could injure a baby.
- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas. Testing these alarms regularly to be sure they are working will keep you and your family safe.
- Make sure your child’s car seat is installed correctly. TCHD has Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians in Forsyth and Branson to assist you with this.

To make an appointment to have your car seat inspected, please call 417-334-4544 ext 590 for the Branson location or ext 690 for the Forsyth location.

For more information contact the Taney County Health Department at 417-334-4544, visit our website at www.taneycohealth.org, or like our FaceBook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

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