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WISHES YOU
ALL A SAFE AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!

Safe Kids Indiana

WINTER 2014

INDIANA SAFE KIDS COALITIONS:

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INDIANA (LAKE,
PORTER, LAPORTE)

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2015 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference

Plans for the 2015 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference are underway! The conference will take place on June 4-5, 2015 at the JW Marriott, downtown Indianapolis. We are very excited to host it in such a beautiful facility. During the conference, the 19th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards Luncheon will take place on June 4th. Please start thinking of an exceptional individual or organization you'd like to nominate for a Child Safety Advocate Award!

In conjunction with the conference, the annual car seat clinic at the Indianapolis Zoo will be held on June 4th from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. We are all hopeful that we avoided last year's cold and wet

weather by moving it back to the summer!

The Injury Prevention Conference registration fee breakdown is: Early Bird DISCOUNT Ends On March 31, 2015 - Full Conference Registration (Day #1 and Day #2): \$100.00

One Day Registration: \$75

Registration fees will INCREASE starting on April 1st, 2015 - Full Conference Registration: \$125 One Day Registration: \$85

An email will be sent to all technicians once the reg-

istration link is posted on www.preventinjury.org. An announcement will also be made on The Automotive Safety Program's Facebook page. Make sure you follow our page. We hope to see you there!



The JW Marriott downtown Indianapolis, location of the 2015 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference

Safe Kids Day 2015

Safe Kids Day 2015 will be held on April 26, 2015 (or any date of your choice in April or May). Safe Kids Worldwide will offer grants to Safe Kids Coalitions that hold a Safe Kids Day event. Grant recipients will receive: Turnkey games and activities for key risk areas, a Safe Kids Worldwide table cloth, and Safe Kids Day customizable banner and signs. The grant application will be posted on the Safe Kids Network Members Resource Center in January 2015.

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Baby, It's Cold Outside

It might be the most wonderful time of the year, but it's also a very dangerous time of year. Follow these holiday season and winter tips to help keep you and your family safe.

- 1) **Bulky coats should not be used in car seats.** They compress in a crash creating a loose car seat harness. Instead, cover your child with a blanket or lay their jacket over them like a blanket once they are secured.
- 2) **Make sure all medications are out of reach for children.** Grandparents and other family members may leave medications in their purses or in easy to reach cabinets. Make sure they are placed out of reach when children are around.
- 3) To avoid burns, **keep all hot foods and liquids out of reach from little hands.** Be aware of festive tablecloths that babies can reach and pull hot items down. When cooking, use the back burners and turn pot handles away from the edge.
- 4) Ornaments are visually appealing to small children, leading to increased curiosity. **Keep breakable ornaments or those with metal hooks up high.** Designate the bottom portion of the tree for safe ornaments.
- 5) **If you have a natural tree, water it regularly** so the needles don't dry out and become a fire hazard.
- 6) If you are worried about keeping your infant warm at night, do not use blankets. **Soft bedding can block a baby's airway.** Instead, opt for a sleep sack (wearable blanket).
- 7) If you are spending the night with friends or family members, **make sure they have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors** (check yours at home too). Also make sure that your baby has a safe place to sleep.
- 8) **Make sure children wear helmets when participating in winter sports** such as skiing, snowboarding,



Halo Sleep Sack

and hockey. Also make sure they stay properly hydrated. Children may not be inclined to drink as much since it is cold outside.

- 9) **Pull your vehicle out of the garage when warming it up** to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning from your vehicle. If your car is left outside in the snow, make sure the tailpipe is free of snow to also avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- 10) **Finally, take precautions when giving and receiving gifts.** Make sure toys are age appropriate and keep a close eye on button batteries. Did you receive a new television? Make sure it is tightly secured to the wall.

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Injuries:

At Home,

At Play,

And On The

Way!

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