



Preventing accidental injury.

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Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Bill 360**

Chairman Owens and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Safe Kids Kansas is pleased to provide testimony in support of SB 360. Safe Kids Kansas is a nonprofit coalition of over 70 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children ages 0-14.

As injury prevention specialists and safety advocates, Safe Kids Kansas and our affiliates rely on accurate and comprehensive data on the state level to focus our efforts on preventing injury and death to Kansas children. We support the release of de-identified data in a regulated manner for use in research and public health purposes.

We believe SB 360 would allow for important data compiled by the Kansas Child Death Review Board to be more broadly utilized, so that Safe Kids Kansas and other child safety organizations and agencies may be able to identify risk factors and trends that can be addressed through education and other prevention measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. SB 360 has the potential to impact Kansans on a personal, societal and financial level by reducing injury or preventing childhood injury-related death. Should you need any additional information, please contact our Legislative Liaison, Phyllis Larimore, at 913-484-7236.

Attachment:
Safe Kids Kansas Member Organizations

Safe Kids Kansas, Inc. is a nonprofit Coalition of over 70 statewide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children ages 0-14. Local coalitions and chapters cover Allen, Butler, Clay, Cowley, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Ellis, Finney, Geary, Harvey, Johnson, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Pottawatomie, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Smith, and Sumner counties, as well as the city of Emporia and the Metro Kansas City Area (Wyandotte county and several Missouri counties.) Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury. The lead agency for Safe Kids Kansas is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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