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 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

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

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