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### **“May the Fourth Be with You” at Safe Kids Day at the Zoo** *Topeka Zoo hosts 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Kids Day*

Governor Laura Kelly has declared May 4, 2019, as Safe Kids Day in Kansas and to celebrate we are hosting a Star Wars themed family fun day at the Topeka Zoo. Safe Kids Day at the Zoo is an annual event that helps teach children and their grown-ups how to keep kids safe and healthy throughout the year.

Each year, one out of every four children in the U.S. needs medical attention due to preventable injuries. Luckily there are things we can all do to ensure normal bumps and bruises don't turn into more disabling injuries and deaths. Safe Kids Kansas and our partners support child safety through awareness, education, programs and smart policies.

Safe Kids Day at the Zoo offers an entire day of Star Wars themed fun and entertainment, interactive education, games, resources for parents, and, of course, your favorite animals. Regular zoo admission rates apply. More than 300 free bicycle helmets will be available to be fitted to your child for safety by trained volunteers. To receive a helmet your child must be present. Helmets are available while supplies last.

In addition to the 30+ partners hosting booths at the zoo, we will have a Star Wars costume contest for kids ages 0-17, a safety scavenger hunt, performances by Kansas Ballet Academy and entertainment and games courtesy of Happy Faces Entertainment. Plus, you're sure to see costumed characters throughout the zoo. More information is available on [www.safekidskansas.org](http://www.safekidskansas.org) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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**About Safe Kids Kansas**

The mission of Safe Kids Kansas is to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the leading cause of death for children in the United States. Safe Kids Kansas is a nonprofit coalition with over 70 statewide member organizations, agencies and businesses, all dedicated to keeping our Kansas kids safe from preventable injuries. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide. Safe Kids Kansas was founded in 1991 and is led by the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment. For more information, visit [safekids.org](http://safekids.org) or [www.safekidskansas.org](http://www.safekidskansas.org).