

## Press Release

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### **June is National Safety Month *National Safety Council Plans Kick-off Celebration on June 6***

(OMAHA, Neb., May 26, 2010) The National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, is kicking off National Safety Month on June 6 at Midtown Crossing with a Walk for Safety and other free family activities.

In Nebraska, injury ranks as the fifth most common cause of death for all ages and the first for those aged one to 44. National Safety Month aims to build community awareness of the need for injury prevention/safety and of the resources available to the community provided by the Council.

"There are so many things that all of us can do in everyday life to prevent injury and that is really what safety does," said Kay Farrell, president/CEO of National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter. "National Safety Month is a great time to participate in the great free safety education and training opportunities provided by the Council and partners and to pass safety forward."

Area mayors and dignitaries will kick-off the celebration at June 6 at 1 p.m. The following free events in Midtown Crossing will follow:

- **Walk for Safety:** Walk through Midtown Crossing to kick off the celebration and learn about safety resources, sign the Declaration of Safety, participate in safety demonstrations, enjoy summer refreshments provided by Nash Finch and register for a 42" TV.
- **T'ai Chi demonstration:** T'ai Chi can significantly cut the risk of falls among older adults by nearly 50%.
- **Prescription Drug Collection:** A free, safe and easy way to get rid of unwanted and expired drugs. Sponsored by Poison Prevention Center, PRIDE, LiveWise, Douglas County Sheriff and Omaha Police Department.

The National Safety Council is also providing and promoting a number of other free community safety events during the month of June, including the following:

- **Brown Bag Medicine Check** at two Kohll's Pharmacy locations, Millard Library and Downtown Library – June 5: Pharmacists and pharmacy students will check older adult medications for interaction and expiration.
- **T'ai Chi Introductory Classes** at the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter – June 8, 15 & 22
- **Alive at 25 for Teens** at City of Omaha Recreation Centers – June 12, 19 & 26
- **Street Smart Seminars** for parents of teens at City of Omaha Recreation Centers – June 12, 19 & 26

- Workplace safety event, **“Motor Vehicle Accidents are the #1 On-the-Job Killer,”** including **“Dangers of Cell Phone Use While Driving,”** featuring David Teater at the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter – June 25
- **Summer Safety** events at all Omaha pools, sponsored by the City of Omaha and American Red Cross/Heartland Chapter – June 25
- **“Buckle Up” Stenciling** – The NSC Click It Team will stencil a “Buckle Up” message at local businesses during the month of June

More detail regarding times, locations and registration for these free events can be found at [www.safenebraska.org](http://www.safenebraska.org).

#### **About the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter**

Founded in 1924, the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, is a private non-profit, community based organization that promotes safety and health by providing programs, resource services and education to individuals and organizations to prevent both the personal and economic loss associated with injuries, accidents and health hazards wherever they exist. Under the leadership of the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, the greater Omaha metro area was recently designated a Safe Community by the United Nation’s World Health Organization (WHO). For more information, visit [www.safenebraska.org](http://www.safenebraska.org).