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Travis County Sheriff's Office Holds Free Child Safety Seat Inspection

We try our best to insure the safety of our children. However, studies show that most child safety seats are not properly installed in vehicles. An incorrectly installed child safety seat can cause serious injury to a child if the vehicle is involved in a collision.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Texans in Motion, will hold a Child Safety Seat Inspection (By Appointment Only) on March 5, 2008 in the parking lot at the Del Valle Softball Complex, behind the South Rural Community Center & Health Clinic, 3518 FM 973 South. This is a FREE service. Call (512) 854-4194 or (512) 854-7786 Monday through Friday from 9am to 12 noon to schedule your FREE inspection.

Note: Accidental injury is the number one killer of America's children, taking more lives than disease, violence and suicide. Motor vehicle crashes account for nearly 42% of all unintentional childhood injury-related deaths (0-14 years of age). Properly installed and used child safety seats are 71% effective in reducing deaths for infants in passenger cars. They are 54% effective in reducing deaths for children ages 1 to 4 in passenger cars. They reduce the need for hospitalization by 69%. However, at least 8 out of 10 child safety seats are not used properly. And in most cases not just one error accounts for the misuse, rather an average of 3 errors are found. (Info is from the National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program, developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and certified by National SAFE KIDS Campaign.)

Media: For more information on this event or on Child Seat Safety, contact Deputy Jennifer Jennings, Cell - 626-6890.

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