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Child Passenger Safety Week 2019



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Car Seat Check Event on **Tuesday, September 17th, 2019, the Elwood Police Department will *Check Car Seats During Child Passenger Safety Week***



Elwood Police— Every day in Illinois, thousands of parents and caregivers travel with children in their vehicles. While some children are buckled in properly in the correct car seats for their age and size, most are not, if they are buckled up at all.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 46 percent of car seats are misused. To help combat this issue, the Elwood Police announced today its participation in Child Passenger Safety Week, a campaign dedicated to helping parents and caregivers make sure their children ride as safely as possible – every trip, every time. Child Passenger Safety Week runs from Sept. 15-21. This event is one of more than 90 (will need updated before publishing) in Illinois that are sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

“By attending the Elwood Police Department’s car seat event on Tuesday September 17th, 2019 from 2pm to 5pm at the Elwood Police Department, parents can be sure their kids are riding as safely as possible,” said Sergeant James Hartley III. “The No. 1 goal is to make sure every child leaves the event safer than they arrived. CPS technicians will check the seat for secure fit, explain the law, look up recalls and more.”

Educational materials will be provided to parents and caregivers at the event. To view materials online or to learn more about Illinois’ Child Passenger Safety program, visit www.buckleupillinois.org.

“As parents and caregivers, we have a long list of things we do for our children to show our love. One of the simplest and most important things on the list should be to make sure they are in the right car seat for their age and size,” Hartley said. “Get your car seats checked. Make certain they are installed correctly; the kids are in the right seats and are buckled correctly.”

Always remember to register your car seat and booster seat with the car seat manufacturer so you are notified in the event of a recall. Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat safety and locate a certified technician at www.nhtsa.gov/carseat.

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