



# NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

On June 4, 2008, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Texans in Motion, will hold a Child Safety Seat Inspection, in the parking lot of the Del Valle Softball Complex, (behind the South Rural Community Center & Health Clinic), 3518 FM 973 South. This FREE service is by appointment only. Call (512) 854-7786, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm to schedule the FREE 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.

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 (birth to 14 years of age). Properly installed and utilized 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 eight out of ten child safety seats are not used properly. And in most cases not just one error accounts for the misuse, rather an average of three 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.)

For more information on this event or on Child Seat Safety, contact Andrea Buckley, (512) 854-7786 or Carrie Fortner, (512) 854-6615.

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