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MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS SECURE: JOIN US FOR NATIONAL SEAT CHECK SATURDAY

WHO: AmeriCorps Clearwater/Clearwater Police Department
Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition

WHAT: Child Passenger Safety Week 2009
National Seat Check Saturday

WHEN: Saturday, **September 12, 2009**
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Burlington Coat Factory/Cypress Point Shopping Center
25813 US 19 North
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: AmeriCorps Clearwater is participating in “National Seat Check Saturday” and offering free car seat checks as part of [Child Passenger Safety Week 2009](#). The Clearwater Police Department is a member of the Florida Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition. AmeriCorps members are nationally certified child passenger safety technicians. Members will be conducting free inspections this Saturday at the Cypress Point Shopping Center in Clearwater.

Vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children ages 2-14 in the United States. Using the appropriate car seat and making sure it is properly installed can help reduce the risk of injury or death to children riding in vehicles.

- **Infants:** Use a rear-facing car seat until at least the age of 1 and 20 pounds, although keeping kids rear-facing until age 2 is safer and preferred if the seat allows.



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- Toddlers: When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in a back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular harnessed seat. Many newer seats exceed the old 40-pound weight limit.
- Boosters: Use with vehicle lap and shoulder restraints until the child is approximately 4-foot-9 and weighs between 80 – 100 pounds. A good guideline is when the seatbelt fits properly.
- Seatbelts: After children fully outgrow their booster seats, they should use the adult seat belts in a back seat. The lap belt should lie across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt rests on the shoulder or collarbone.

Appointments are also available by calling **892-KIDS (5437)** or the **Clearwater Police Department at 562-4142**.

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