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Safety Seat Checkup Coming to Glendora

TORRANCE, CA (September 8, 2008) – More than ninety percent of the children who attended safety seat checkups in the Los Angeles area this year were buckled up incorrectly. In 2006, 179 child passengers under 15 died in California and 18,318 were injured as a result of vehicle crashes in California. More than 80% of the small children killed would have survived if they had been properly buckled up. Motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death of children and young adults.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is offering parents the opportunity to have their children's safety seats inspected at a **safety seat checkup** at Glendora Market Place (in front of Sam's Club), 1301 S. Lone Hill Avenue, Glendora, on October 1, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents and caregivers may call the Safe Ride Helpline, (310) 222-6860, week day afternoons, to make an advance checkup appointment.

Teams of nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and other trained volunteers will inspect each safety seat to make sure it fits the child properly, is correctly secured, and is in the safest possible location in the vehicle. Older children will be invited to try the 5-Step Test to find out if they fit properly in the vehicle safety belts or require use of a booster.

This event is one of a series of checkups to be held through a partnership between Glendora Police Department and SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. The checkup is sponsored by the

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Glendora Police Department with funding from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is also offering a **free workshop** in child passenger safety to all professionals and community volunteers who provide services to children or families. The workshop will be held on September 26, 2008, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Glendora Crowther Teen Center in Glendora. Call 310/222-6860 to register for the training, which includes hands-on experience, a comprehensive introduction to safe transport of children, and guides participants to incorporating child passenger safety information and standards into their own programs. The course is approved for six contact hours by the California Board of Registered Nursing and for three Continuing Education Units for Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

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