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RE: **Free Car Seat Safety Check**  
**Saturday, September 15, 2007** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Southern Illinois Heart Institute parking lot  
Belleville, IL

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Mother Child Center will be conducting a **Free Car Seat Safety Check** on Saturday, September 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Southern Illinois Heart Institute parking lot, behind the main hospital building.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for kids, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. In Illinois, 80% of child safety seats are not installed correctly. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, like those available at this upcoming safety event, can check child safety seats for proper installation and use.

No appointments are necessary and participants are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Senior safety technicians will be directing the free checks of child car seats. Parents need to bring their vehicle, child safety seat, and child, to learn how to install their seat properly.

The event is co-sponsored by State Farm Insurance Company, Southwestern Illinois Occupant Protection Resource Center and Illinois Safe Kids Coalition.

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For more information on the event, call St. Elizabeth's Hospital Mother Child Center at 618-234-2120, ext. 1260 or Marketing Department at 618-234-2120, ext. 1575.

**The Southwestern Illinois Occupant Protection Resource Center** is funded by Illinois Department of Transportation- Division of Traffic Safety. It is staffed with certified child passenger safety technicians who have completed a 32-hour training class and are nationally certified to inspect and install child seats. Its mission is to provide an environment in Southwestern Illinois where every man, woman, and child is safely secured in an appropriate restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle. This will be accomplished through public education, technical training, fostering advocacy and providing necessary resources.

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