

DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

NOTICE
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April 9, 2009

TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF THE CHILD RESTRAINT LAW DURING SPECIAL
ENFORCEMENT WEEK, APRIL 12 THROUGH 18, 2009

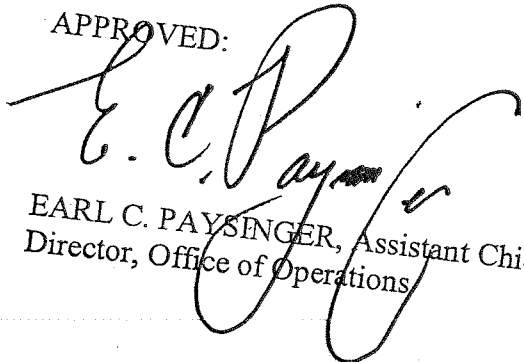
The Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County and SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. are sponsoring a Special Enforcement Week during April 12 through 18, 2009, to watch for children under age 16 who are not properly restrained in a vehicle. Traffic collisions are the primary cause of death and injury for children and young adults. The California Highway Patrol reports that 80 percent of children under four years of age killed in traffic collisions since 1990 died in survivable collisions. Those children would have lived if they had been properly restrained. Therefore, officers are encouraged to "educate" the responsible parent (or driver, if the parent is not present) with an appropriate citation. The enforcement sections of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), which apply to children under 16 years of age, are 27360(a) or (b), Use of Child Passenger Restraint Systems; and 27360.5(a) or (b), Mandatory Use of Child Restraint Systems.


Please refer to the attachment for the complete definition of each of the above sections and subsections. Another related section is 27315 (f) CVC, where the registered owner of a vehicle may be cited if safety belts have been removed or are not in working order.

Additionally, on Saturday, April 25, 2009, there will be a Safety Seat Checkup Day in Wilshire Area at the Petersen Automotive Museum, 6060 Wilshire Boulevard. Officers will be present to educate parents on the correct installation of child safety seats and to conduct seat inspections.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 847-1630.

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Attachments

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CHILD RESTRAINT VEHICLE CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTIONS

Section 27360 CVC, Use of Child Passenger Restraint Systems

(a) A parent or legal guardian, when present in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 27315, may not permit his or her child or ward to be transported upon a highway in the motor vehicle without properly securing the child or ward in a rear seat in a child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, unless the child or ward is one of the following:

- (1) Six years of age or older.
- (2) Sixty pounds or more.

(b) (1) A driver may not transport on a highway a child in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 27315, without properly securing the child in a rear seat in a child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, unless the child is one of the following:

- (A) Six years of age or older.
- (B) Sixty pounds or more.

(2) This subdivision does not apply to a driver if the parent or legal guardian of the child is also present in the vehicle and is not the driver.

(c) (1) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), and except as provided in paragraph (2), a child or ward under the age of six years who weighs less than 60 pounds may ride in the front seat of a motor vehicle, if properly secured in a child passenger restraint system that meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, under any of the following circumstances:

- (A) There is no rear seat.
- (B) The rear seats are side-facing jump seats.
- (C) The rear seats are rear-facing seats.
- (D) The child passenger restraint system cannot be installed properly in the rear seat.
- (E) All rear seats are already occupied by children under the age of 12 years.
- (F) Medical reasons necessitate that the child or ward not ride in the rear seat. The court may require satisfactory proof of the child's medical condition.

(2) A child or ward may not ride in the front seat of a motor vehicle with an active passenger airbag if the child or ward is one of the following:

- (A) Under one year of age.
- (B) Less than 20 pounds
- (C) Riding in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system.

Section 27360.5 CVC, Mandatory Use of Child Restraint Systems

(a) No parent or legal guardian, when present in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 27315, may permit his or her child or ward who is six years of age or older, but less than 16 years of age, or who is less than six years of age and weighs 60 pounds or more to be transported upon a highway in the motor vehicle without properly securing the child or ward in an appropriate child passenger restraint system or safety belt meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(b) No driver may transport on a highway any child who is six years of age or older, but less than 16 years of age, or who is less than six years of age and weighs 60 pounds or more in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 27315, without properly securing the child in a child passenger restraint system or safety belt meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. This subdivision does not apply to a driver if the parent or legal guardian of the child is also present in the vehicle and is not the driver.

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Safety Seat Checkup Day

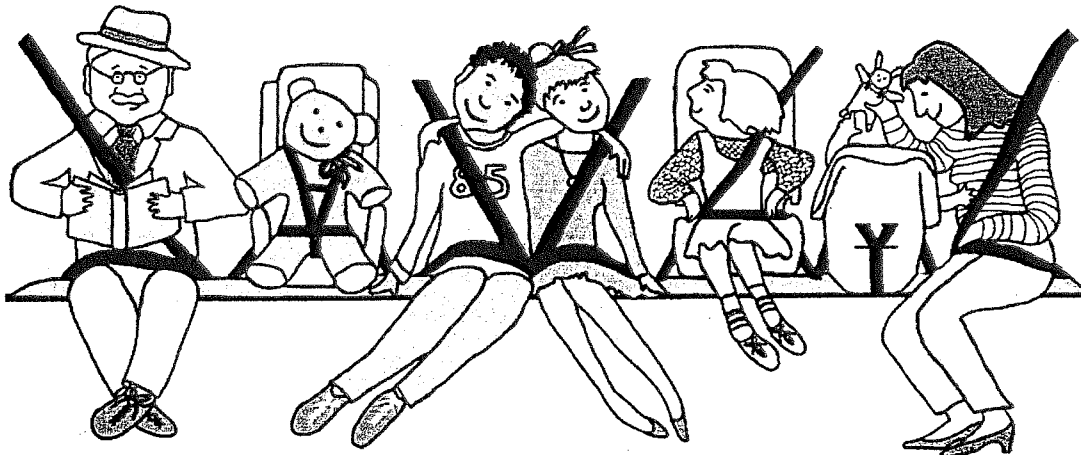
Saturday, April 25 • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*For a checkup appointment, call 310/222-6860. If you do not have an appointment, there may be a wait of more than one hour or you may be turned away.

11:30 a.m. Welcome Ceremony and Recognition of Notable Guests

Petersen Automotive Museum

6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036 (Wilshire at Fairfax parking lot)



Buckling up is a family affair.

Safety Seat Checkup Week April 19-25, 2009

Sponsor: California Office of Traffic Safety

Major Supporter: Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County

FREE SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP

More than 90% of the car seats we check have one or more errors.

Meet Bucklebear and his friends.

Petersen Museum discount coupons available for families participating in the checkup.

Help save children's lives with your tax-deductible support.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. Box 553 Altadena, CA 91003 310/222-6860 www.carseat.org

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Día de Inspección de Sillas de Seguridad

Sábado, 25 de Abril • 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.*

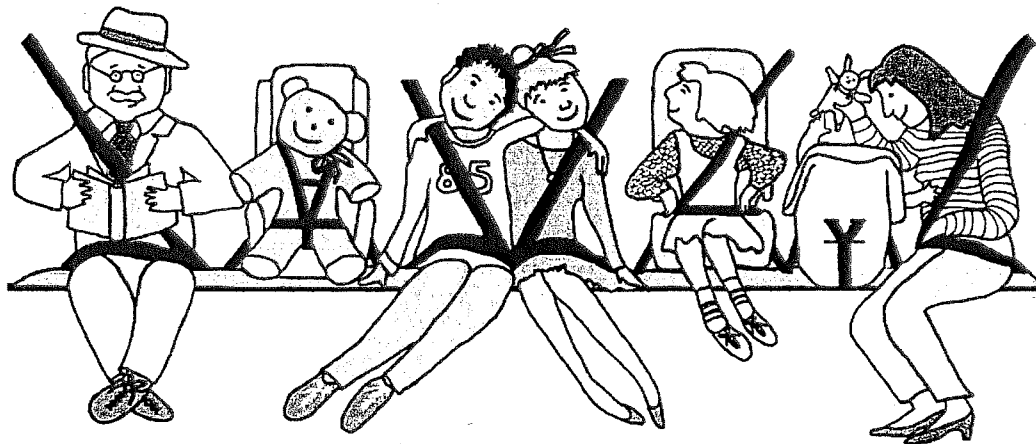
*Llame a 310/222-6862 un día anterior para una cita para la inspección. Si usted no tiene cita, el tiempo de espera puede ser más de una hora o puede que se le niegue este servicio.

11:30 a.m. Ceremonia de Bienvenida y Reconocimiento de Invitados de Honor

Petersen Automotive Museum

6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

(Estacionamiento en la esquina de Wilshire y Fairfax)



El abrocharse el cinturón es algo que concierne a toda la familia.

**Semana de Inspección de Sillas de Seguridad
Del 19 al 25 de Abril, 2009**

Patrocinador: California Office of Traffic Safety

Partidario Principal: Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County

INSPECCIÓN GRATIS DE SILLAS DE SEGURIDAD

Más del 90% de las sillas de seguridad que inspeccionamos tienen uno o más errores.

Conozca al oso "Bucklebear" y a sus amiguitos.

Tenemos cupones de descuento disponibles para el Museo Petersen para las familias que participen en la inspección.

Ayude a salvar la vida de niños por medio de su donación, la cual puede ser deducible de sus impuestos.

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