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## **City of Berwyn Fire Department Official Seat-Check Site For Annual “Illinois Child Passenger Safety Week”**

**Berwyn, IL- City of Berwyn Fire Department** is an official Child Passenger Safety site as part of **The American Academy of Pediatrics** and the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)** annual weeklong awareness and action campaign. According to a recent [Press Release from the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Transportation](#), road injuries is a leading cause of death for children in the U.S.

Guidelines include choosing the proper safety seat based on the child’s height and weight, properly installing and using the seat, and registering the seat with the manufacturer to ensure receipt of important safety updates such as product recalls.

In Illinois, children must be restrained in an appropriate car or booster seat until age 8 and in a rear-facing seat until age 2. NHTSA recommends that children stay restrained in their car seats until they outgrow the height and weight limit set by the seat’s manufacturer. This often means keeping children in rear-facing seats beyond age 2 and boosters far beyond age 8.

**In Berwyn, Seat-Check Saturday, held Sept. 25**, will include free car seat checks for parents and caregivers. During this free event, trained NHTSA and Berwyn Fire Personnel Child Passenger Safety Technicians will explain how to choose and use car seats, booster seats and seat belts correctly every time. **This event will be held at Berwyn Fire Station #2 located at 6615 16th Street between 10:00am – 2:00pm.** There will be no reservations accepted and the event will take place rain or shine. Please enter through the alley and Berwyn firefighters will be happy to assist you. All COVID precautions will be observed.

“Our goal is to make sure our families have all the information they need to keep their children safe. We hope parents and caregivers will stop by and be a part of this action day and ensure their child/ren are in the right seat”, stated Fire Chief Thomas Hayes.

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