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Mayor Corroon and Safe Kids Salt Lake County Kick Off New Health and Safety Program

“Recycle Your Car Seat”

(Salt Lake County) – In recognition of National Child Passenger Safety Week, Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon and the Safe Kids Salt Lake County Coalition today kicked off a new community program which targets two health and safety issues with one unique solution. The “Recycle Your Child Car Seat” will run September 7th through 11th with several drop-off locations throughout the valley (see addresses below).

“Safe Kids Salt Lake County is committed to keeping kids safe through the use of properly installed car seats,” explained May Romo, Safe Kids Coordinator at the SLVHD. “This new campaign will educate parents about the need to recycle expired, damaged or recalled car seats.”

Eagle Scout candidate, Aaron Richardson, who helped coordinate the campaign, explained that the plastic car seats are made out of becomes brittle over the years, causing them to shatter like a thousand shards of glass when hit with the force of an auto accident.. Even when a car seat doesn’t shatter, it can sustain unseen damage from the stress of the impact which can make it unsafe in an accident.

“However, simply tossing them in a dumpster creates a tremendous burden on area landfills and the plastic they are made doesn’t break down well and can cause dangerous problems for our environment down the road. A single car seat can take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

“Car seats are made of many recycle-able components, but due to the labor required for deconstruction, most regular recycling programs can not or will not take them,” said Salt Lake County Mayor Corroon. “They just do not have the resources to deal with a complex assembly like a car seat.”

The “Recycle Your Car Seat” program will provide Salt Lake county residents with an avenue to properly dispose of expired or crashed child car seats in an environmentally responsible way.

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Eagle Scout Troop 7441 and volunteers will be on hand to receive the car seats September 7th to 12th daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parents dropping off car seats at each of the designated sites can register to win a free car seat or bike helmet.

Recycle Your Car Seats
September 7-12, 2009
9am – 4pm

Drop-off Locations:

Deseret Industries

West Jordan (7166 South Redwood Rd)
West Valley (2994 South Glen Eagle Drive)
Sandy (727 East 9400 South)
Murray (11 East 4500 South)
Welfare Square (743 West 700 South)

Unified Fire Stations

Kearns (4444 West 5415 South)
Herriman (5916 West 13050 South)
Riverton (13000 South 2700 West)

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About Safe Kids Salt Lake County Coalition

Safe Kid Salt Lake County Coalition works to prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability for children ages 1 to 14. Safe Kids Salt Lake County Coalition is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing accidental injury. Safe Kids Salt Lake County Coalition was founded in 1997 and is led by Salt Lake Valley Health Department.