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**Secretary of State Jesse White's Office to Host 14th Annual Free Child Safety Seat Check
Friday, July 23rd**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's office will be hosting the 14th annual free Child Safety Seat Check on Friday, July 23 at the Crowne Plaza Springfield Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy, in the North Parking Lot from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. More than 20 certified child passenger safety seat technicians from the Secretary of State's office, various state agencies and organizations will be educating parents on the appropriate child safety seat for their child, proper installation procedures and ensuring that children are secured in their safety seats properly.

"As Secretary of State, it is my mission to do everything we can to protect children on our roads," said White. "I am pleased to offer free child safety seat checks to parents and family members with young children ages eight and under. This service gives parents the added peace of mind that their children are safe and properly secured in their vehicle."

Individuals who have been vaccinated are not required to wear masks or maintain social distancing; those who have not been vaccinated are requested to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Parents and family members living in the Springfield area who are unable to make Friday July 23rd free child safety seat check may call 217-557-5190 to make a future appointment at the Driver Services facility at 2701 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield. White's office also offers free safety seat installations at 10 other Driver Services facilities throughout the state. Interested parents and family members may call the toll free number 1-866-247-0213 to make an appointment.

Traffic crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children ages 4 to 14. While child safety seats can help prevent death and injury to young children in traffic crashes, statistics show that nearly 80 percent of child safety seats are installed improperly.

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