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Jesse White Encourages Scheduling a Child Safety Seat Fitting at the Melrose Park Facility

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is encouraging parents and caregivers to travel safely by having their car seat or booster seat checked at the Melrose Park Drivers Services Facility.

“Many car seats are improperly installed risking injury to the child,” White said. “Let’s keep our children safe by making sure they are secured in the appropriate seats by having our car or booster seats fitted.”

The Melrose Park Fitting Station is located at the Driver Services Facility at 1903 N. Mannheim Road in the Melrose Crossing Shopping Center. Safety seat appointments are available on Mondays. To schedule a fitting, call 866-247-0213 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

- The Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act states that children under the age of 8 years old must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system, including booster seats.
- Four out of five car seats are not used properly, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
- Car seats have been shown to reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers, according to NHTSA.
- Caregivers should never place rear-facing car seats in the front passenger seat, in front of an active airbag.
- Drivers are encouraged to put children under 13 years old in the back seat, where they are the safest.

The Secretary of State’s office, through its Kids In Safe Seats program, has 12 Illinois fitting stations including Melrose Park. Caregivers can set up appointments with NHTSA certified child passenger safety technicians who can educate them on the appropriate car seat and proper installation in their vehicle at any of these stations.

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