

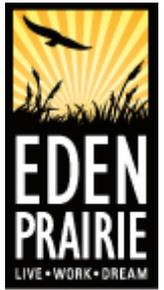
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EDEN PRAIRIE POLICE PROMOTE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 11 – 17

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — To encourage proper child restraint use, the Eden Prairie Police Department is urging citizens and parents to re-educate themselves about child passenger safety seat use during National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 11 through 17.

On Monday, Feb. 12 officers from the Eden Prairie Police Department will be at Eden Prairie Center presenting information about National Child Passenger Safety Week. Officers will be stationed near the food court between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss issues regarding child restraints and child passenger safety.

In Minnesota, three out of every four child restraints are used incorrectly — meaning children are riding in the wrong restraints or they are not properly secured. Between 2001 and 2005, 73 children under age 10 were killed on Minnesota roads and one-third were not in child restraints, or the restraints were used improperly.

“So many families are on-the-go all the time,” said Eden Prairie Police Sgt. Jamie Good. “It’s critical we take the time to ensure our children are seated and correctly restrained in our vehicles.”

The Eden Prairie Police Department also offers free child safety seat checks to residents by appointment on Thursdays between 1 and 2 p.m. To make an appointment, contact Officer Linda Williams at 952-949-6200 or lwilliams@edenprairie.org.

Parents are also encouraged to visit buckleupkids.state.mn.us to download fact sheets and a child safety chart that identifies the proper seat for children as they grow and age. Also available online is the “Buckle Up Kids” and “Don’t Skip a Step” brochures that provide detail on how to properly secure a child in a vehicle.

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