

65 per cent failure rate in Child Safety Seat Blitz

On Saturday, May 14, the Halton Regional Police Service in conjunction with Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety, conducted a car seat enforcement blitz at the Churchill Road fire station.

Eighty occupied child safety seats were assessed for minimum compliance with Ontario Law. The Police "Quick Check" is a screening of child safety seats for the most common errors in use and installation only, and does not ensure that you have installed the child's seat correctly. The quick check identified children at undue risk of injury or death quickly, while minimizing inconvenience to motorists who have followed both their vehicle and child safety seat manuals to ensure the child is properly secured.

Of the 80 seats, 51 showed at least one major error in use or installation, including:

- Infant Only (Rear Facing), seven of eight failed = 88 per cent
- Infant/Child (Rear to Forward Facing), 22 of 29 failed = 76 per cent
- 3 in 1 (Rear/Forward/Booster), eight of 10 failed = 80 per cent
- Child Booster (Forward/Booster), 13 of 30 failed = 43 per cent
- Booster Only, one of three failed = 33 per cent
- Excluding booster only seats, an overall failure rate of 65 per cent was observed.

The Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety had qualified car seat technicians on site to educate and assist drivers in remedying seat installation and use errors. The goal of the day was to ensure that all children through the checkpoint could leave properly secured, and with a reduced likelihood of injury or death should they later be involved in a collision. Community partners provided a total of 56 full inspections and re-installations.

The Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety donated seven new seats so that children could leave the clinic safely.



ALL SHOOK UP: There was a packed house at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday for the Elvis Gospel Show featuring Elvis tribute artist Steve Kabakos and the TVB Ensemble with Memphis Sound.

— Ted Tyler photo

The top three technician fixes were:

1) Harness system wasn't properly adjusted and snug.

A loose harness will allow your child to travel further in the vehicle in the event of a crash. Your child will then collide with the harness or other parts of the vehicle as opposed to being slowed and restrained by the harness.

2) Universal Anchorage System not tight.

The universal Anchorage System, or UAS, is used in place of a vehicle seatbelt to install a car seat. If your car has UAS or LATCH system, the Universal Anchorage System strap is connected to proper brackets and tightened so your seat moves no more than one inch at the belt path. A loose UAS strap allows the seat and your child to travel unrestrained in the vehicle until the slack is expended.

3) Tether strap not tight.

The tether strap is a must be used in all forward facing

car seats where you use a harness system to secure your child. The tether strap limits the forward movement of your child's head, decreases the crash forces placed on your child's neck and spine, and is the only way for your car seat to meet Canadian safety standards. The tether comes from the top of your child seat and is usually clipped to a specific tether bolt on the back of the vehicle seat, floor or ceiling. Refer to your vehicle manual.

Important Tips:

- Always follow both your vehicle owner's manual and your child safety seat manual for correct use and installation.
 - Kneel on the child safety seat to push it into the vehicle seat. Tighten the seat belt or Universal Anchorage System (UAS) until there is less than one inch of movement to the front of the vehicle and side to side at the seatbelt or UAS path.
 - Harness straps should lie flat with no more than one finger width in space between the harness and your child.
 - Chest Clip should be at armpit level to ensure the Harness System will be in the correct position at the time of a collision.
 - Tether Strap must be used for all forward facing Harness System Car Seats.
 - Children under 13 years of age should be buckled in the back seat.
- The Halton Partners for Car Seat Safety's Mission is: "As community partners we share professional and personal interest in reducing injuries to children riding in vehicles in Halton."

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TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. (CASH BAR)*

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(South-East Corner of Willow & Bower Streets)

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