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Child Safety/Booster Seat Medical Alert ID System



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Documents will be available for pick up on and after Tuesday October 19, 2004, and there is a non-refundable deposit of \$16.05 (includes GST). Bidders who request documents to be shipped from the Purchasing Department must include a handling fee of \$10.70 (includes GST) for this service. Bid documents are also available to download from Halton's website at www.region.halton.on.ca/bids for a non-refundable deposit of \$10.70 (includes GST).

Under no circumstances will facsimile or late bids be accepted or considered. Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

Halton Region relies on this advertisement to provide public notice of this business opportunity and is not obligated to notify any potential bidders in any other manner.

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SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES STAFF ON A TEMPORARY BASIS

CLOSING: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2004

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When children cannot speak for themselves

Emergency ID car seat stickers can save children's lives

BY JENNIFER ENRIGHT



When a parent can't respond during a medical emergency, children can be left without someone to speak on their behalf – and that could end up being life-threatening. Situations like these are ones that concern KeepSafe Canada, a family safety organization.

KeepSafe recently introduced a new car seat ID kit, known as Emergency Medical Profile 4 Emergency Medical Services (EMP 4 EMS), that's designed to provide paramedics with information in the event of an accident. The kit consists of a card to be filled in by parents with the child's name, photo and medical information, and a protective plastic shield for the card. Once parents have completed the information, the shield, which has an adhesive backing, can be attached to any car seat. There are also stickers provided in the kit that can be placed on the front and rear windshields to alert people or medical personnel that there's medical information attached to the car seat.

Christine Barber, a manager with Halton Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS), says all of the region's 138 paramedics received information on the kits in September.

Ms. Barber says the car seat IDs will be an invaluable tool that paramedics can rely on. If a mother is unconscious at the scene of an accident, for example, paramedics will still be able to obtain information on young children using EMP 4 EMS. "This is one more step where we can ensure that we get quick accurate information on a patient."

The kits, which retail for \$14.99, are available through KeepSake Canada. KeepSake can be reached at its website, www.keepsafecanada.com, or by calling 905-655-1844.

Parents can also purchase the kits from retailers. In the Halton area, they are available at Once Upon a Child in Burlington located at 1505 Guelph Line and at Once Upon a Child in Oakville at 2423 Trafalgar Road, Unit 1. In Mississauga, the kits can be purchased at the Safety Superstore at 3425 Laird Road, Unit 7.

Milton's Book Festival for Children

BY ANN KORNUKA

Encouraging your child to read will be made easier with the 8th annual Milton's Book Festival coming to Milton District High School on November 7th. The event invites children of all ages and their parents to discover the excitement of reading with activities, readings and book signings. This year's goal of the festival is to promote literacy and the importance of reading to young children, as well as provide encouragement to Canadian authors.

Performing at the Festival will be Turkey Rhubarb, a trio based in Hamilton, Ontario. They will be performing traditional children's songs from North America, Mexico, Antigua, England, Scotland and Ireland. Mike Harding of Applefun Puppetry will also perform several comedic shows with his cast of zany puppet friends.

Featured writers this year include Eric Wilson (*The Emily Carr Mystery*), Roy MacGregor (*Secret of the Deep Woods*), artist Janet Wilson (*Lighthouse: a Story of Remembrance*), artist Karen Reczuch (*The Story of Life on Earth*), Judy Ann Sadler (*Sandwiches for Duke*), Adwoa Badoe (*Nana's Cold Days*) and Sylvia McNicoll (*A Different Kind of Beauty*).

This event will take place on Sunday November 7 from noon to 4:30 at Milton District High School located on 396 Williams Street just off Commercial Street north of Derry Road. Tickets can be purchased at Milton, Acton and Georgetown's Public Libraries for \$5 adult, \$2 children. For more information go online at <http://Bookfestival.mpl.on.ca>.

Get above it all to see the Fall

BY JILL ATTACK

Now is your chance to climb to the top of the Niagara Escarpment the easy way. Every weekend until the end of October, Kelso Conservation Area near Milton opens its chair lift to hikers and bikers from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to bring your camera to capture the beauty of the surrounding countryside in the autumn. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the Milton Heights lookout. Search for fossils dating back some 450 million years to a time when the area lay under a warm shallow sea. View the oldest trees in Ontario, a forest of scraggly White Cedars growing on the edges of the Escarpment cliffs, and hike over to explore the hundred-year old Christie-Henderson lime kilns.

The Halton Region Museum, situated in the heart of the park, is offering pre-booked guided group hikes for groups of 15 or more for \$5/person. There are over 16 kilometres of hiking and biking trails in the 980-acre conservation area including the Bruce Trail, Canada's oldest marked foot trail. Guided hikes will include an interpretative slide show explaining the origins of this massive topographical feature and a behind-the-scenes tour of the newly renovated museum. As part of the fun, try some other activities taking place in the park. A barbeque will be featured on weekends in front of the Glen Eden ski chalet. Sunday, October 31st is 'trick or treat' day in which children receive treats throughout the day. For more information, call Kelso Conservation Area at 905-878-5011, ext. 221. Or to register for a group hike, call Karen Bongard at the Halton Region Museum at 905-875-2200, ext. 23.