



CHP Offers Free Child Car Seat Installation Assistance

“Ensuring the safety of your most precious cargo should be your top priority before you get behind the wheel of a car,” says Captain Jim Cahoon of the California Highway Patrol (CHP). In cooperation with the Bay Area Rapid Transit District and the Lafayette Police Department, certified car seat technicians from the CHP will be at the Lafayette BART Station (3601 Deerhill Rd), in the east parking lot, on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 9:00am-1:00pm to provide

assistance with installations.

According to CHP Officer Scott Yox, in California during 2005, 62% of children under the age of six that were killed in car accidents were not using a child safety seat. Another 568 children were injured. “Most of these injuries could have been prevented,” says Cahoon, adding, “Anytime you have children in your car, I urge you to take a few extra moments to ensure they are restrained properly. And if anyone has any doubts about whether they are using a child

safety seat properly, now is the time to seek out a certified child safety seat technician.”

California law says children must be secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint (safety seat or booster seat) in the back seat of a vehicle until they’re at least six years old or weigh at least 60 pounds. If you miss this event but would like help with your child’s car seat, you can also make an appointment with the Contra Costa Area