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### **Is Your Child's Car Seat An Accident Waiting To Happen?**

Research shows that a staggering 80% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted, which could lead to serious injuries or even death in the event of a road traffic collision (RTC). To help reduce this risk, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) has teamed up with West Berkshire Council's Road Safety team to offer two free child car seat safety check events next Friday (1 August).

The first event will take place at Tesco Extra in Newbury from 10am-12pm. The second will be held at Sainsbury's Savacentre, Bath Road, Calcot from 2pm-4pm.

RBFRS Community Safety staff will check that child car seats are correctly fitted in people's own vehicles and demonstrate how they can carry out their own safety checks in the future. West Berkshire Council's Road Safety team will also be on hand to provide road safety advice and information.

Dan Ford, Community Safety team member, said: "Firefighters see the devastating aftermath of RTCs all too often and they are particularly tragic when babies and children are involved. We are pleased to offer these free child car seat safety checks as part of our ongoing commitment to road safety and hope that lots of people will come along on the day.

"You don't need to book an appointment, just come along at any time between the given time slots and ask a member of the Community Safety team."

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