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Recycling Program Announced for Outdated, Recalled or Crashed Child Safety Seats

(OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 10, 2010) - The Green Cross wants to help you be Green. Outdated, recalled or crashed child safety seats need to be recycled, not destroyed. Bring those seats to the National Safety Council, where the Council and Two Men and A Truck provide help in getting rid of your old seats and free up needed space.

For your convenience, seats for recycling can be dropped off daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between now and September 30 at the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, 11620 M Circle. Two Men and a Truck will transport them to Community Safety and Wellness Festival for recycling.

Families can also drop off their seats for recycling at the Community Safety and Wellness Festival, October 3 at Embassy Suites, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A Car Seat Check-Up Event will also take place at the Community Safety and Wellness Festival. Parents will receive instruction on the proper use and installation of their child safety seats. For more information regarding child safety seats and/or the Festival, contact the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, 402-896-0454 extension 300.

Car Seat Safety

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers in passenger cars.

Most child safety seats that have been recalled, have been in a crash, are more than 6 years old and a seat about which you have no history, place children at risk due to the usage stress. Recycling is recommended as the best and safest way of disposal. It is important never to use a child safety seat that has been involved in a moderate to severe crash.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/newtips/pages/Tip5.htm>

About the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter

Founded in 1924, the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter is a private non-profit, community based organization that promotes safety and health by providing programs, resource services and education to individuals and organizations to prevent both the personal and economic loss associated with injuries, accidents and health hazards wherever they exist. Under the leadership of the National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter, the greater Omaha metro area was recently designated a safe community by the United Nation's World Health Organization (WHO). For more information, visit www.safenebraska.com