

San Marino Police Department to provide free Child Safety Seat Inspections

California Vehicle Code Section 27360 mandates that a driver may not transport, on a highway, a child who is less than six years of age or less than sixty pounds, in a motor vehicle, without properly securing the child in a rear seat, in a child passenger restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

This law was enacted to protect children. Unfortunately child safety seats restraints are frequently misused, compromising their ability to prevent injuries and save lives. In fact in the mid-1990s, a study conducted for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found one or more forms of misuse in 79.5 percent of the child safety seats inspected.

In an effort to assist those in our community who transport children, especially children under 6 years of age or 60 pounds, the San Marino Police Department has provided Officer Patricia Gomez-Lara with specialized training on the proper installation and use of child safety restraints.

Officer Gomez-Lara is currently working day watch patrol (from 7:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). If you would like to come by the San Marino Police Department (2200 Huntington Drive) or have Officer Gomez-Lara come by your home to check that your child seat is installed correctly, you can either telephone the San Marino Police Department or email Officer Gomez-Lara directly.

If you telephone San Marino P.D., (626) 300-0720, when Officer Gomez-Lara is on duty the Dispatcher will assist your in arranging this or getting a message to Officer Gomez-Lara. If you email Officer Gomez-Lara, she will contact your directly to arrange a time a place for the inspection. You can email Officer Gomez-Lara at PGomez@smpd.us

Please, let us help you make sure your children are as safe as possible.