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Free Child Restraint Information Evening

Do you have kids in car seats? Do you know what age and size children should be when they change car seat type or no longer need a car seat? All these questions, and many more, can be answered by Carolyn Bennison, Youth Road Safety Advisor for Selwyn District Council at a free child restraint information evening to be held on Thursday 6 June at 7:30pm at the Rolleston Community Centre.

"People often ask me questions about child restraints, like 'when do I change seats?' 'how long do I need a booster seat for?' 'what type of seat should I get?' to name a few," says Mrs Bennison, who is a certified Child Restraint Technician.

"I've also seen some children in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or size, so I've decided to present a free child restraint information evening so people can find out what is the appropriate child restraint for their children and why," she says.

The session will cover topics such as:

- the basics of child restraints
- an overview of the different types of restraints
- child restraint safety statistics
- when to change child restraints and why
- things to be aware of, and much more.

Mrs Bennison will also show video clips of child crash test dummies that show why children need child restraints. Everyone who attends and completes an evaluation form goes in the draw to win an appropriate new child restraint valued at \$300.

She is encouraging anyone who wants to know more about child restraints to come along. Child restraints will be on display and free resources and information for parents, caregivers and children will also be available.

To register, or to find out more, please contact Carolyn Bennison at Selwyn District Council on (03) 347 2944 or e-mail carolyn.bennison@selwyn.govt.nz.

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Photo attached: Emma Bennison (5) and Liam Bennison (21 months) safely buckled in their child restraint seats.