

FREE CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

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We offer installations and inspections at multiple locations near you!

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way on every ride!**

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BUCKLE UP, IT'S THE LAW

As of June 1st, 2006, it is Wisconsin law (Wisconsin Statute 347.48(4)) that children must be properly restrained in a child safety seat until they reach age 4 and in a booster seat until age 8.

The law includes the following four step progression for effective child safety protection in vehicles.

- Rear-facing child safety seat is required until the child is at least 1 year of age and 20 pounds
- Forward-facing child safety seat is required until the child is 4 years old and 40 pounds
- Booster seat is required until the child is 8 years of age, weighs at least 40 pounds, and is shorter than 4 feet 9 inches (57 inches)
- Safety belt is required when the child is 8 years of age or older, weighs at least 80 pounds, or is 4 feet 9 inches (57 inches) or taller

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all infants and toddlers should ride in a rear facing safety seat as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat manufacturer.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Child safety seats must be installed correctly and the child restrained properly for them to be effective. Research shows that 7 out of 10 children are improperly restrained.

What are the most common child safety seat installation mistakes?

- Not using the right child safety seats for a child's size and age
- Not placing the child safety seat in the correct direction
- Incorrect installation of the child safety seat in relation to the vehicle's air bags
- Incorrect installation and tightness of the child safety seat to the vehicle seat
- Not securing/tightening the child safety seat's harness and crotch straps
- Improper use of locking clips for certain vehicle safety belts
- Not making sure the vehicle's seat belts fit properly across the child when using a booster seat
- Using a defective or broken child safety seat

*Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION?

Certified technicians will conduct the child safety seat inspection, which lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. During your appointment, the certified technician will:

- Check the child safety seat to see that it has been properly installed.
- Inspect the child safety seat for damage.
- Identify and troubleshoot common mistakes.
- Ensure the child safety seat is not a recalled model.
- Ensure the child safety seat is appropriate for the size and age of the child.
- Teach the vehicle owner the correct procedure to properly and safely install the child safety seat in the vehicle.
- Show the parent or caregiver how to secure the child in the child safety seat.
- Discuss other vehicles and child safety seats they own, and provide guidance on installation of those seats.

