

## FREE CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

*Call to schedule an appointment with a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician near you for a FREE child seat check!*

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### **South Shore Fire Department**

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### **For more information:**

[www.seatcheck.org](http://www.seatcheck.org)  
[www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)  
[www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS](http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS)

### **Safe Kids Racine County**

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## CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

**Buckle up the right way on every ride!**



**Serving Racine County Residents**

## BUCKLE UP IT IS 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.

1. Rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat is required when the child:
  - Is less than one year of age
  - Weighs less than 20 pounds
2. Forward-facing child safety seat in the back seat is required when the child:
  - Is at least 1 year of age but less than 4 years old
  - Weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 40 pounds
3. Booster seat is required when the child:
  - Is at least 4 years of age but less than 8 years old
  - Weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds
  - Is not 57-inches (4-feet, 9-inches) or taller
4. Safety belt is required when the child:
  - Is 8 years of age or older or
  - Weighs 80 or more pounds or
  - Is 57-inches or taller

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Child safety seats can reduce the risk of a potentially fatal injury and are the best method for protecting your child when traveling in a car. In addition to the requirements listed in Wisconsin law, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all infants and toddlers should ride in a rear facing safety seat until they are 2 years of age or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat manufacturer.

Child safety seats must be installed correctly and the child restrained properly for them to be effective. While 96 percent of parents and caregivers believe their child safety seats are installed correctly, research shows that seven 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 SHOULD PARENTS EXPECT DURING THEIR SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION?

Certified technicians will conduct the child safety seat inspection, and it should only take about 20-30 minutes, depending on the seat and the vehicle. The certified technician will:

- Check the child safety seat to see that it has been properly installed
- Inspect the child safety seat for damage
- Diagnose problems
- 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 instructions to repeat the correct procedure with other seats or when installing the seat in other cars

