



Car Seat Safety Inspections

Did you know that 3 out of every 4 Child Safety Seats are incorrectly installed?

This combined with children in the incorrect style of car seat equates to a 90% rate of children being in the wrong seat or the seat being incorrectly installed.

The Pontiac Department provides **free** child safety seat inspections and installation assistance. Although there is no law requiring an inspection, we offer free inspections to ensure a safer installation. The child safety seat program is intended to educate adults on how to properly install a child's seat.

Car seat checks are provided by a Safety Seat Technician who is certified through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the installation of child safety car seats.

Requirements:

- Checks and installations are conducted by appointment at the Pontiac Fire Department during business hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Please call (815) 842-3225 and ask to speak with the on-duty shift commander to schedule appointment.
- Please bring the manuals for both your vehicle and the car seat to help in proper installation.
- The child should also attend to ensure proper fitting of the harnesses.
- If you cannot make your scheduled appointment, be sure to call to cancel or reschedule.

Note: Due to the fire department's responsibilities of responding to emergencies there may be times when an appointment will have to be rescheduled.

Other Child Safety Seat Considerations:

- Follow the instructions and recommendations for the child seat.
- Be sure your child is within the height and weight limits of the child seat.
- Visit the NHTSA website for more information on car seat safety.