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Start the School Year Safely: Farmington Hills Fire Department Offers Free Car Seat Inspections Sunday, Sept. 14

Proper car seat installation can significantly reduce injuries to children in car crashes

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Aug. 18, 2025) – The Farmington Hills Fire Department (FHFD) is working to reduce risks on the road through promoting safe car seat practices for families. Nationally certified child car seat technicians from the FHFD will be available to assist community members at a free car seat inspection event on **Sunday, Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Community members must make an appointment in advance for this important service.

“We know that proper car seat installation can drastically reduce injuries to children in the event of a car crash, but it can be confusing to properly install a car seat since every vehicle is slightly different,” said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Jon Unruh. “Our staff is trained to confirm your child’s seat is installed properly, no matter what type of vehicle you drive. We just want to make sure your child is as safe as possible.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 50% of all child car seats are installed or used incorrectly. Additionally, NHTSA estimates that properly installed car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by approximately 70% for infants and 50% for toddlers. It’s important to know the recommended stages to ensure each child is in the right type of car seat or booster for their age, height and weight, and that it is installed in the correct position.

Technicians will check for accurate installation and possible recalls of car seats. Parents or caregivers will also be given instruction on how to install and use the car seat. Inspections take approximately 45 minutes and are free to the public with no residency requirements.

Inspection appointments will be held at Fire Station #3, located at 29260 Grand River Ave. **Appointments must be confirmed by Friday, Sept. 12.** To register for a free child car seat inspection appointment, contact FDevents@FHgov.com.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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