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Protect Your Precious Cargo: Free Car Seat Inspections in Farmington Hills on September 13

Properly installed car seats can greatly reduce crash-related injuries to children, and the Fire Department is offering expert guidance to support families

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (August 31, 2026) – The Farmington Hills Fire Department (FHFD) is promoting safer travel for children through a free car seat inspection event. Nationally certified child car seat technicians from the FHFD will perform car seat inspections and assist community members with car seat installation from **8 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 13**. Appointments are required and must be confirmed no later than Friday, April 10 by emailing FDEvents@fhgov.com.

"Car seat installation can be confusing because every vehicle and every seat is a little different, but getting it right is one of the most important steps in protecting children during a crash," said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Jon Unruh. "I'm proud of our team's expertise and dedication. They take the time to work with each family to make sure every seat is installed safely. Keeping our community's children protected is something we take to heart."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data shows that nearly half of all child car seats are installed or used incorrectly. Proper installation makes a tremendous difference, reducing the risk of fatal injury by about 70% for infants and 50% for toddlers. It's essential for parents and caregivers to understand each stage of car seat use so children are in the right seat for their age, height, and weight, and that the seat is secured correctly every time.

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. 10. To register for a free child car seat inspection appointment, contact FDEvents@FHgov.com.** Due to limited appointments, walk-ins will not be accepted.

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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 routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and 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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