



# ***River Forest Police Department Child Safety Seat Inspection Program***



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## ***Did you know?***

- Illinois state law requires that children under the age of 8 be secured in an appropriate child safety seat, whether that be a car seat or booster seat.
- Children under age 8 but weighing more than 40 pounds may ride in the back seat with a lap belt only if there are not lap/shoulder belts available in the vehicle to be used with a booster seat.
- Illinois law also requires children ages 8 to 16 be buckled in a seat belt or appropriate child car seat.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2019, Illinois law will require children under age 2 to be properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches tall. Children must remain rear-facing until age 2.

## ***Child Safety Seat Questions:***

- Is your child safety seat safe?
- Has it been installed in your car properly?
- Is it defective?
- Has it been recalled by the manufacturer?

## ***We are here to help:***

Police Officers from the River Forest Police Department, who are trained Child Safety Seat Technicians, will assist you with the proper installation of your child safety seat.

The Technicians will look for improperly installed, broken or recalled safety seats, and will inspect your child safety seat FREE of charge.

To schedule a check of your child safety seat or if you have any questions regarding child safety seats, just call (708) 366-7125.

## ***More Helpful Tips***

- Select a car seat based on your child's age, height, and weight.
- Keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as your child fits the seat's height and weight requirements.
- All children under 13 should ride in the back seat.
- Follow your car seat manufacturer's instructions and your vehicle owner's manual.