## **Car Seat Checks**

Car seats are an essential tool for ensuring the safety of young children while traveling in a vehicle. It is critical to use a car seat that is appropriate for the child's age and size, and to install it correctly according to the manufacturer's instructions. Proper installation can significantly reduce the risk of injury or death in the event of an accident. Parents and caregivers should also ensure that the child is securely fastened in the car seat, with the straps properly adjusted to fit snugly.



## **Did You Know?**

In the United States, car accidents are the number-one cause of death among children age 4-12 and the number two cause of death among children ages 1 to 4. Car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants under 1 year old and 54% for toddlers ages 1 to 4. An average of 46% of child safety seats are incorrectly installed or misused.

Select the corresponding car seat type below for more information on how to correctly install and check a car seat.

**Rear-Facing Car Seats** 

**Forward-Facing Car Seats** 

| Windsor Severance Fire Rescue is pleased to offer car seat checks from our Nationally Certified technicians. Fill out a <u>car seat check form</u> to request one of our technicians to install your car seat. |
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