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GIVE YOUR CAR SEAT A CHECKUP

Burnsville Police Department Offers Monthly Car Seat Checks

It's a scary thought, but a majority of car seats are installed incorrectly. This can be extremely dangerous for a child – and a driver – in the event of a crash.

The Burnsville Police Department holds FREE car seat checks each month (by appointment only). During the check, a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician will demonstrate how to properly install a car seat, and give participants an opportunity to practice installing one themselves.

To take part in a car seat check, participants should note the following:

- Dates vary each month. Appointments are required.
- Appointments take approximately 30 minutes.
- Participants should plan to bring their car seat(s) and child/children with them. This allows technicians to make sure the car seat is appropriate for the child's height/weight and in the proper position.
- If possible, participants should bring the car seat and vehicle manuals. They can help determine placement in a vehicle and outline the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the participant is expecting, they should make an appointment one to two months prior to the child's due date.

After taking part in a car seat check, parents/caregivers will walk away feeling confident in their ability to properly install the child's car seat.

The Burnsville Police Department has three officers who have completed the required course to become certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. The officers must continue their education and training in order to keep their certification up to date.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call Officer Alecia Ainslie at 952-641-1169, Officer Lyn Tonne at 952-641-1151 or Sgt. Shannon Siem 952-641-1328 – or visit www.burnsville.org/carseat.

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