

Car Seat Inspection Events

**GET YOUR CAR SEAT CHECKED BY A
CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN**

**Only 1 out of 5 car seats
are used correctly...
is yours the 1?**

Austin-Travis County EMS provides **FREE** car seat checks every month. Make an appointment with one of our certified technicians to ensure your child is traveling safely.

Several opportunities are available every month. Call today to make an appointment.

**Register online for a FREE class
or car seat check:
austintexas.gov/EMS**

Call EMS at **512-972-SAFE (7233)**
or email **EMSPubEd@austintexas.gov**

Contacts For Additional Car Seat Checks

Buda EMS/Fire
512-295-2232

Marble Falls Area EMS
830-693-7277

Caldwell County
Seton Edgar B Davis
830-875-7032

Williamson County EMS
512-943-1264

Safe Kids Austin
512-324-TOTS

Texas Law and Best Practices For Car Seats

Texas Law requires all children younger than 8 years of age (unless the child is taller than 4 feet 9 inches) to be secured in an appropriate child passenger safety seat.

Best Practices



Rear Facing - From birth to 2 years of age or up to the weight and height limits of the convertible seat.



Forward Facing with Harness - After a child outgrows the rear facing seat, they should be placed in a forward facing car seat. Typically this would be a child two (2) years of age or above.



Booster Seats - Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or height limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat. Children riding in a booster seat must use both lap and shoulder belts.



Safety Belts - After a child grows to approximately four feet nine inches (4'9") a child may use an adult safety belt providing the belt fits the child properly. The belt should fit with the lower portion over the hips and the shoulder belt should cross the center of the shoulder and chest.

**All children under 13 years of age should
be secured in the back seat.**

Safe Baby Academy

**Education Today
for a Safer Tomorrow**

Educate yourself and learn how to protect your infant in our **FREE** Safe Baby Academy class for expectant families, parents or caregivers of children under 12 months.

**Register online at:
www.austintexas.gov/EMS**

**For more information call or email
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Learn about the following topics:

Child Passenger Safety - Learn about car seats and get your car seat inspected by a certified technician

Infant CPR/Choking - Learn what to do in an emergency if your child is choking or requires CPR

Safe Sleep Practices - Learn how to create a safe sleep environment to reduce a possible SIDS or suffocation event

Water Safety - Learn how to keep your child safe around water

Home Safety - Learn how to create a safe environment for children in your home

Injuries are preventable. Sign up today!

Senior Safety Programs Fall Prevention & Free Home Safety Evaluations

Falls have become the #1 cause of death
for people over 65.

ATCEMS provides **FREE** home safety visits for
families in Travis County. Any person that
meets the following criteria is eligible for a
home visit:

- Age 65 or older OR concerned about their
home situation
- Lives independently
(not in a nursing home or assisted living facility)
- No diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's

**Home Safety evaluations will include
the following:**

- Home hazard mitigation to reduce fall risks
- Medication review & Vial-of-Life program
- Basic strengthening and balancing activities
- Information about **FREE** safety equipment
canes wheelchairs
lockboxes smoke detectors
- Information to help connect with additional
community resources
- CarFit Inspection ~ opportunity to check
how well their personal vehicles "fit" them

Request a **FREE** Home Safety Evaluation
visit austintexas.gov/EMS
or email EMSFallPrevention@ausitntexas.gov

Little Steps Can Make A Big Difference!

Austin-Travis County EMS

**Keeping Your Children Safe
and Our Community Educated**

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