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News Release

The El Paso Fire Department To Host Car Seat Inspection Event

EL PASO, Texas – According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 59 percent of car seats are not installed correctly. With 2,600 children under 13 involved in a car crash every day, or one child every 33 seconds, child safety in cars is a priority. Additionally, Texas law requires all children under 8 – unless they are taller than 4 feet, 9 inches – to be in a car seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250. Children under age 13 should ride properly secured in a seat belt or safety seat in the back seat.

As part of the National Child Passenger Safety Board's Child Passenger Safety Week, the El Paso Fire Department is hosting a Car Seat Inspection Event on September 19th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the EPFD's Safety, Health and Outreach Center.

Services will be provided on a first come, first served basis. To participate you must:

- Be a Texas resident
- Bring your own car seat(s)
- Bring the child for proper fitting and instruction
- Be the parent or legal guardian of the child

Those interested in participating can contact the EPFD's Fire Medical Research division at 915-212-5699 to learn more about the event.

WHAT: Car Seat Inspection Event

WHEN: September 19, 2018 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

WHERE: EPFD Safety, Health and Outreach Center – 5415 Trowbridge Dr, El Paso TX. 79903

To learn more about the Fire Department, the public is encouraged to visit elpasofire.org. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates.

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