



MEDIA RELEASE
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**YORK COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY**

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Free Checks of Child Safety Seats

Statistics show that at least 8 out of 10 child safety seats are installed in a way that could compromise the safety of the child in the event of a crash. During the month of May, residents are encouraged to participate in our child safety seat check-up events at no cost (except for a bit of your time) as part of a public outreach initiative by the York County Department of Fire & Life Safety to keep citizens and their children as safe and protected as possible in the event of a crash.

Please bring your vehicle and safety seat manuals with you to the check if you have them. Also, it is best if you bring the child along to assist with ensuring the proper adjustments are made to the child restraint for proper fit. After completing a brief form, a technician will review the installation of the seat and how well the child is secured in the seat, as well as check for any recalls. The technician will then help parents correct any errors and will answer any other questions about child passenger safety. Proper safety seat installation takes approximately 20 minutes per safety seat.

The safety seat checks will be held on the first three Saturdays in May from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at three different York County fire station locations:

- May 4th - Fire Station 1 located at 5751 George Washington Highway (Grafton)
- May 11th - Fire Station 3 located at 114 Hubbard Lane (Bruton)
- May 18th - Fire Station 2 located at 4405 Big Bethel Road (Tabb)

Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) will be at each scheduled event to assist caregivers with their child safety seats. If you cannot attend one of these events, residents are asked to call the Department of Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600, Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment. It is advised to have only certified technicians (CPST) check your child's safety seat for proper installation and recalls. Calling ahead will allow our staff to connect you with a certified technician for assistance.

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