

The Englewood Fire Department offers **free child safety seat instruction** to make sure your child's car seat is properly installed. Firefighters on the team have attended and graduated from a 40-hour car seat technician course and are available, **by appointment**, to inspect child safety seats and educate parents and caretakers on proper installation.

**An appointment is required.** Please call the Englewood Fire Department at **303-762-2470** to **schedule an appointment** for a car seat check.

**Please note:** If station personnel are called to respond to an emergency call for service in the community, **a technician may not be available at the time of your appointment.**

- **Please read the instruction manual** - Prior to your appointment, please take the time to read the manual provided with your child's car seat and install the seat to the best of your ability according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- **Please call ahead** - An appointment is necessary to allow our car seat technician(s) sufficient time to inspect your child's safety seat and provide safety education for a proper car seat installation.
- Prior to your scheduled appointment, please download and complete the *Child Safety Seat Check Form* on our website at <http://englewoodgov.org/Index.aspx?page=415>.
- To find a car seat checkpoint location and/or to obtain additional information about safety seats, please visit <http://www.seatcheck.org> or <http://www.carseatscolorado.com/Links/index.cfm?fuseaction=ColoradoLaw> to obtain requirements about Colorado Child Passenger Seat law.

#### **Colorado Child Passenger Safety Laws:**

- ❖ It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that all children in the vehicle are **properly buckled** in a seat belt or car seat **on every trip**.
- ❖ The child restraint must have a label that states it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 213. (FMVSS set forth in Section 49 C.F.R.571.213, as amended).

#### **Requirements of the Law for Child Restraint Systems:**

- ❖ Colorado law requires **infants** to ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are one year of age and at least 20 pounds.
- ❖ Children ages one to four, between 20 and 40 pounds, must ride in an appropriate car seat.
- ❖ Children over age 4 but under age 6 must ride in a booster car seat unless they are over 55 inches tall.
- ❖ Children under 16 years of age must be buckled in a seat belt.
- We are here to educate. Please remember that you, as the parent/caretaker, are ultimately responsible for the safety of your child.
- Donations are welcomed in order to provide support to the Englewood Fire Department to continue this program. Your contribution allows us to purchase child safety seats for those less fortunate who recognize the importance of child safety seats but cannot afford the expense. Your assistance in helping these families is greatly appreciated!