What should a caregiver expect from a CPS Tech?

Caregiver Responsibilities for Child Seat Inspection:
- Set an Appointment 1-2 months prior to due date if expecting.
- If child is already born, know your child’s height and weight.
- If possible, bring the child to the appointment and bring an extra adult to help care for your child while you are learning.
- Read the instructions for your car seat and install the seat following the instructions prior to your appointment.
- Read the section of your vehicle owner’s manual that covers child safety seats and airbags.
- Bring the child seat instructions and the vehicle owner’s manual to your appointment.
- Be prepared to learn.
- Ask to see proof of his or her current certification.

During the check-up appointment you should expect a CPS Technician to:
- Use a check-up form to record observations.
- Verify seat selected is appropriate for height, weight, age and any special needs of the child.
- Review car seat instructions and vehicle owner’s manual to ensure both are being followed.
- Verify seating location is appropriate.
- Check for recalls on the safety seat, visible damage, and expiration date.
- Have you to install the seat correctly using either the seat belt or LATCH. Encourage you to learn how to install the seat with either option or in different seating location.
- Discuss the next steps for each child.
- Discuss benefits of everyone in the vehicle being properly restrained (including adults) on every ride.
- Discuss safety in and around the vehicle.
- Discuss state laws and best practice recommendations for occupant safety.

After the check-up, ensure you can say “yes” to all items:
- Parent/caregiver performed the installation.
- Parent/caregiver feels confident about installing and using the car seat correctly.
- All questions were answered, or parent/caregiver was provided direction of who to contact for the needed information.

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