

Automotive Safety Inspection: Professional Licensing Contacts by State

Note: Information obtained from the Virtual Learning Community of the NC Community College System

Alabama

Alabama Department of Revenue - Alabama DMV

<https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/>

(334) 242-9000

Alabama requires a VIN inspection for out-of-state vehicles before the registration can be complete. This is to ensure the VIN matches the number on the out-of-state title.

Motor Vehicle Division

Titles & Vehicle Inspections

P.O. Box 327640

Montgomery, AL 36132-7640

Alaska

Alaska Department of Administration - Division of Motor Vehicles

<http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/>

(907)269-5551

Doa.Dmv.Webmaster@alaska.gov

Alaska's VIN verification rules state that an inspection must be performed whenever a vehicle owner does not possess a title or certificate of origin for his or her vehicle.

Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles

3901 Old Seward Highway, Suite 101

Anchorage, AK 99503

Arizona

Arizona Department of Transportation - Motor Vehicle Division

<https://azdot.gov/motor-vehicle-services>

602.255.0072

https://apps.azdot.gov/contact_adot/

There are no safety inspections here, unless you live in Phoenix or Tucson.

Arizona Motor Vehicle Division Inquiries

PO Box 2100, MD 555M

Phoenix, AZ 85001

Arkansas

Arkansas DMV

<https://mydmv.arkansas.gov/>

1-501-682-4692

MVInformation@dfa.arkansas.gov

Arkansas does not require annual vehicle inspections.

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Motor Vehicle

Ragland Building

1900 W 7th St, Ste 1010

Little Rock, AR 72201

California

State of California Department of Motor Vehicles

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/>

1-800-777-0133

California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV/RMV) does not have a customer service email address. Despite having some of the strictest laws in the country, there are no safety inspections, just a VIN verification.

Office of the Director

Department of Motor Vehicles

2415 1st Ave., Mail Station F101

Sacramento, CA 95818-2606

Colorado

Colorado Department of Revenue - Division of Motor Vehicles

<https://dmv.colorado.gov/>

(303) 205-5603

Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles DMV does not have a direct customer service email address. There are no safety inspections just a VIN verification.

Department of Revenue

Division of Motor Vehicle

Section Name (Driver Control, Titles, Registration, etc.)

P.O. Box 173350

Denver, CO 80217-3350

Connecticut

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles <https://portal.ct.gov/dmv/>

860-263-5700

<https://dmvcivils-wselfservice.ct.gov/DMVEmailForm/>

Connecticut does not require periodic safety inspections for all vehicles. It requires certain types of vehicles, such as totaled vehicles rebuilt for highway use, used vehicles brought in from other states and not previously registered in Connecticut, and older vehicles changing ownership, to get safety inspections before they can be registered. You will have to get the VIN verified, but there is no safety check in CT except for a cursory inspection

CT Department of Motor Vehicles

60 State Street

Wethersfield, CT 06161

Delaware

Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles <https://dmv.de.gov/>

(302) 744-2500

DMVCustomerService@state.de.us

Every two years you must have a safety inspection. The DMV checks that all lights work, your brakes are good, your windows aren't cracked (small cracks allowed in windshield), tires are good, wipers work, mirrors are present, fuel doesn't leak, latches all work on doors, hood, and trunk, horn is loud, and muffler is quiet.

Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (Dover, DE)

2230 Hessler Blvd,
New Castle, DE 19720

District of Columbia

DC Department of Motor Vehicles
<https://dmv.dc.gov/service/vehicle-inspections>
(202) 737-4404
dmv@dc.gov

Every two years you must have an inspection. Commercial vehicles and for-hire vehicles are also required to have a safety inspection as well, every year.

DC DMV Inspection Station
1001 Half Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Florida

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
<https://www.flhsmv.gov/>
850-617-2000
<https://www.flhsmv.gov/about/contact-the-director/>

No safety inspections, but vehicles brought in from another state will have their VIN verified.

Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
904 - 301 Blvd. W.
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Georgia

Georgia Department of Driver Services
<https://dds.georgia.gov/>
(678) 413-8400
<https://online.dds.ga.gov/feedback/>

Georgia does not have state-wide requirements for car inspections. Only certain counties in the metropolitan Atlanta area require owners to have their cars inspected each year. Georgia

Department of Driver Services
Post Office Box 80447
Conyers, GA 30013

Hawaii

Hawaii Division of Motor Vehicles & Licensing
<https://www.mauicounty.gov/1328/Motor-Vehicle-Licensing>
(808) 270-7363
maui.dmv@mauicounty.gov

In Hawaii, there are periodic safety inspections. The inspector will check the steering, brakes, tires, fuel system, exhaust, headlights, mirrors, speedometer, odometer, windows, and seat belts for proper function and normal wear.

Hawaii Division of Motor Vehicles & Licensing
110 Alaihi Street, Suite 101
Kahului, HI 96732

Idaho

Idaho Transportation Department

<https://itd.idaho.gov/itddmv/>

(208) 334-8000

<https://apps.itd.idaho.gov/Apps/WebCommentsV2/>

There is no periodic safety inspection here. There is a VIN verification if you bring a car in from out of state.

Idaho Transportation Department

3311 W. State Street

P.O. Box 7129

Boise, ID 83707-1129

Illinois

Illinois Department of Transportation

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/safety/vehicle-inspections>

(217) 785-1181

<http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/WER/?from=1>

There are no inspections required.

Vehicle Inspection

Illinois Department of Transportation

Bureau of Investigations & Compliance

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62764

Indiana

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

<https://www.in.gov/bmv/registration-plates/vehicle-emissions-testing-program/>

888-692-6841

<https://mybmv.bmv.in.gov/bmv/mybmv/contact.aspx>

There are no safety inspections in Indiana. Out of state vehicles will have their VIN verified at registration.

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Indiana Government Center North

Room 402

100 North Senate Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Iowa

Iowa DOT

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/about>

515-237-3110

<https://iowadot.gov/AboutUs#ContactUs>

No inspections required by the DMV. Iowa does not check VIN numbers at registration unless it's a salvage title. The state of Iowa requires two different types of vehicle inspections: A vehicle identification number, or VIN, inspection on all vehicles that have been designated as SALVAGE. This

inspection must be performed by a peace officer, certified with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
Iowa Department of Transportation
Motor Vehicle Division
P.O. Box 9204
Des Moines, IA 50306-9204

Kansas

Kansas Department of Revenue - Division of Vehicles
<https://www.ksrevenue.org/dovtitlefaq.html>

785-296-3621, press 2 then press 1

<https://www.ksrevenue.org/contactus.html>

No safety requirements, but out of state vehicles will have their VIN checked at registration.

Kansas Division of Vehicles Titles and Registrations Bureau
300 SW 29th St.
PO Box 12003
Topeka, KS 66601-2003

Kentucky

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - Drive Kentucky

<https://drive.ky.gov/motor-vehicle-licensing/Pages/Vehicle-Titling.aspx>

(502) 564-4890

No safety inspection. A Kentucky VIN inspection is required for all cars that were purchased out of state and/or brought into KY in order to be issued a license plate.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - Drive Kentucky
200 Mero St
Frankfort, KY

Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

<https://deq.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=motor-vehicle-inspection-andmaintenance>

(225) 219-3570 or (225) 219-3571

DEQ-Motor_Vehicle_I/M@la.gov

Safety inspections are required yearly (unless you pay for a two year inspection sticker).

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Air Planning and Assessment Division/Air Planning Section
Galvez Building
602 North Fifth Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Maine

Maine Department of Public Safety - Maine State Police

<https://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/investigation-traffic/crash-investigations/mv-inspections>

(207) 624-8935 or 624-8934

bruce.g.scott@maine.gov

You need to get a safety inspection yearly, and they will check the VIN at that time.

Motor Vehicle Inspection Program
36 Hospital Street, Augusta
Mailing Address - State House Station #20
Augusta, ME 04333
Maine State Police - Traffic Division
Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit
20 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0020

Maryland

Maryland Department of Transportation - Motor Vehicle Administration

<https://mva.maryland.gov/vehicles/Pages/veip.aspx>

410-768-7000

MVACS@mdot.state.md.us

There are no annual safety inspections, but a safety inspection is required for all used cars, trucks, tractors, trailers, motorcycles, special equipment, and class "B" for hire vehicles being titled and registered in Maryland.

Maryland Department of Transportation - Motor Vehicle Administration

6601 Ritchie Highway N.E.

Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/vehicle-inspections>

857-368-8000

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/rmv-customer-contact-us>

The Massachusetts Vehicle Check program is the vehicle emissions testing and safety inspection program for the Commonwealth. You can get an inspection at any of the 1,800 licensed inspection stations in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

PO Box 55889

Boston, MA 02205

Michigan

Michigan Secretary of State's Office

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1627---,00.html>

(888) 767-6424

<https://mdosupport.happyfox.com/new/>

There are no annual safety checks in this state, nor do they check the VIN when you bring a car in from out of state.

Michigan Secretary of State's Office

430 W. Allegan St.

Richard H. Austin Building

4th Floor

Lansing, MI 48918

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Driver & Vehicle Services

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/default.aspx>

(651) 297-2126

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/contact/Pages/dvsform-other-questions.aspx>

There is no inspection of any sort in this state.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Driver & Vehicle Services

445 Minnesota Street, Suite 190

Saint Paul MN 55101-5190

Mississippi

Mississippi Driver Service Bureau

<https://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/>

(601) 987-1212

No inspection of any sort in this state.

Mississippi Driver Service Bureau

Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Post Office Box 948,

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Missouri

Missouri Department of Revenue - My DMV <https://mydmv.mo.gov/DL/Index>

573-526-3669 mvbmail@dor.mo.gov

There are biennial safety checks. The inspection will check for proper function of lights and brakes, proper suspension motion, seatbelts, and many other criteria.

Missouri Department of Revenue - My DMV

Harry S Truman State Office Building

301 West High Street,

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Montana

Montana Department of Justice - Motor Vehicle Division

<https://dojmt.gov/driving/>

(406) 444-3933 mvd@mt.gov

Vehicles must undergo a VIN number inspection in Montana if a car owner needs to correct inaccurate information on the vehicle's title, or the identity of a rebuilt salvage vehicle is in question. The state also requires vehicles to undergo a car inspection service in Montana to verify that a VIN does not already exist.

Montana Department of Justice - Motor Vehicle Division

P.O. Box 201430

302 N Roberts,

Helena, MT 59620-1430

Nebraska

Nebraska DMV

<https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/title/vehicle-inspection>

(402) 471-3985

<https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/contact>

This state only requires an inspection to vehicles coming in from other states, otherwise no safety inspection is needed. Nebraska doesn't require a safety inspection, but it does require a VIN inspection for registration purposes, along with an odometer reading.

Nebraska DMV

301 Centennial Mall South

P.O. Box 94789

Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4726

Nevada

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles

<https://dmv.nv.gov/>

(775) 684-4549

https://dmv.nv.gov/contact_us.asp

There are no safety inspections in this state. They will however, verify your VIN if you register an out of state vehicle.

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles

555 Wright Way

Carson City, NV 89711

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles

<https://www.dmv.nh.gov/>

(603) 227-4000

NH.DMVHelp@dos.nh.gov

There are annual safety inspections here. The inspection is typical, with brakes, lights and steering checked over, as well as windows, wiper, horn, and defroster.

New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles

23 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03305

New Jersey

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

<https://nj.gov/mvc/>

888.656.6867 or 609.895.6886

<https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/About/ContactEmail.htm>

There is no vehicle safety inspection in New Jersey.

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

Customer Advocacy Office

P.O. Box 403

Trenton, NJ 08666-0403

New Mexico

New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division

<https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/>

888-683-4636

<https://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/contact-us/>

No safety inspections in New Mexico. They will verify the VIN when registering an out of state vehicle though.

New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division

Joseph Montoya Building

P.O. Box 1028

1100 South St. Francis Drive

Santa Fe 87504-1028

New York

New York DMV

<https://dmv.ny.gov/>

1-518-486-9786 or 1-800-698-2931

https://nysdmv.custhelp.com/app/ask_home?_ga=2.201901522.2109824880.1617045558-1332099635.1606329879

New York DMV

207 Genesee Street, Suite 6

Utica, NY 13501-2874

North Carolina

North Carolina DMV

<https://www.ncdot.gov/DMV/Pages/default.aspx>

(919-715-7000

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/contact/Pages/default.aspx>

In North Carolina, everyone must get a safety inspection.

North Carolina DMV

3101 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-3101

North Dakota

North Dakota Department of Transportation

<https://www.dot.nd.gov/>

701-328-2500

dot@nd.gov

There are no inspections in North Dakota, they don't even need to verify your VIN when you come from outside the state

North Dakota Department of Transportation

608 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

Ohio

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

<https://bmv.ohio.gov/>

(844) 644-6268

<https://bmvonline.dps.ohio.gov/Home/ContactUs>

There are no safety checks in Ohio.

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

P.O. Box 16520

Columbus, Ohio 43216-6520

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission

<https://www.ok.gov/omvc/>

405-607-8227

email@omvc.ok.gov

There are no safety inspections here, but out of state vehicles must have the VIN verified when they are registered.

Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission

4334 NW Expressway Suite 183

Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Oregon

Oregon DMV - Driver & Motor Vehicle Services

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/index.aspx>

503-945-5000

david.j.house@state.or.us

No safety inspection, but out of state vehicles must be VIN verified.

Oregon DMV - Driver & Motor Vehicle Services

1905 Lana Ave NE

Salem, OR 97314

Pennsylvania

PennDOT Driver & Vehicle Services

<https://www.dmv.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

717-412-5300

<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/internet/web.nsf/ECSEmailForm?OpenForm>

This state requires yearly safety checks.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

1101 South Front Street

Harrisburg, PA 17104

Rhode Island

State of Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles

<http://www.dmv.ri.gov/>

(401) 462-4368

<http://www.dmv.ri.gov/feedback/index.php>

Every two years drivers in Rhode Island must have their cars inspected for both safety and smog controls.

State of Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920-3024

South Carolina

South Carolina DMV

<http://www.scdmvonline.com/>

803-896-5000

help@scdmv.online.com

No safety inspection/approval at all in South Carolina.

South Carolina DMV
PO Box 1498
Blythewood, SC 29016

South Dakota

South Dakota Dept. of Revenue - Motor Vehicle Division

<https://dor.sd.gov/individuals/motor-vehicle/>

(605) 773-3541

motorv@state.sd.us

South Dakota is not among the states that require vehicle safety inspections.

South Dakota Dept. of Revenue - Motor Vehicle Division
445 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Tennessee

Tennessee Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security - Driver Services Division

<https://www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services.html>

(615) 251-5166

Email.Safety@tn.gov

Tennessee does not require safety inspections.

Tennessee Dept. of Safety & Homeland Security - Driver Services Division
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243

Texas

Texas DMV

<https://www.txdmv.gov/>

1 (888) 368-4689 or (512) 465-4029

<https://www.txdmv.gov/contact-us#contact-us-online>

Vehicle inspection is a requirement. The inspection is a simple set of basic checks to ensure that your vehicle is in a road worthy condition with all instruments working correctly. The inspector checks the vehicle to ensure it is not emitting too much smoke. An inspection is also required when you register your vehicle. The total Texas vehicle inspection time lasts no more than 10 to 15 minutes. Vehicle

inspections in Texas are good for two years If the vehicle is new and purchased from a dealership. Otherwise, they are good for one year.

Texas DMV
4000 Jackson Avenue
Austin, Texas 78731

Utah

Utah Division of Motor Vehicles
<https://dmv.utah.gov/>
(800-368-8824)
dmv@utah.gov

Effective January 1, 2018, the State of Utah removed the safety inspection requirement for most vehicles as a prerequisite for registration. Vehicles that require a safety inspection include salvage vehicles that have been rebuilt and are requesting a rebuilt title, and commercial vehicles are required to obtain a safety inspection for display and presenting to law enforcement, but it is not a prerequisite for registration.

Utah State Tax Commission
Motor Vehicle Division
P.O. Box 30412
Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Vermont

Vermont DMV
<https://dmv.vermont.gov/avip>
802 828-2000 or 802 828-2094
<https://dmv.vermont.gov/contact/dealers-and-inspection-stations>

Inspection stations in Vermont are privately owned and operated by their business partners. Vermont has required safety inspections on vehicles since 1935 and inspection procedures became Administrative Rules in the 1960s.

Vermont DMV
120 State Street,
Montpelier Vermont, 05603-0001

Virginia

Virginia DMV
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/#/>
(804) 497-7100
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/dmv-contactus/#/>

Vehicles in Virginia must undergo an annual safety inspection.

Virginia DMV
P.O. Box 27412
Richmond, VA 23269

Washington

Washington State Department of Licensing
<https://www.dol.wa.gov/>

360.902.3600

The state has no safety inspections but they will inspect your VIN when you register an out of state vehicle.

Teresa Berntsen, Agency Director
Washington State Department of Licensing
PO Box 9020
Olympia, WA 98507-9020

West Virginia

West Virginia DMV

<https://transportation.wv.gov/dmv/Pages/default.aspx>

(304) 558-3900

DOT.DMVCommissioner@wv.gov

You will have to get a safety inspection every year. The state will check the integrity of the windows and body panels, make sure the mirrors are present, the horn and lights work, check the brakes, tires, and steering, and make sure the exhaust isn't too loud.

West Virginia DMV
5707 MacCorkle Avenue, SE
Charleston, WV 25317

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Transportation – DMV

<https://wisconsin.dot.gov/pages/online-srvcs/external/dmv.aspx>

(608) 264-7447

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/eif/emailInq.do?action=lookUpInquiry>

Wisconsin has no annual safety check.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation – DMV

4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 7910
Madison, WI 53707-7910

Wyoming

Wyoming Dept. of Transportation

http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/driver_license_records/frequently-asked-questions.html

(307) 777-4375 or 307-777-4800

<http://www.dot.state.wy.us/ContactWYDOT/>

Wyoming has no safety testing requirements, but they will have to verify the VIN number for you to register your out of state vehicle.

Wyoming Dept. of Transportation 5300 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3340