

Uniform Guidelines *for* State Highway Safety Programs



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Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection

Each State should have a program for periodic inspection of all registered vehicles to reduce the number of vehicles with existing or potential conditions that may contribute to crashes or increase the severity of crashes that do occur, and should require the owner to correct such conditions.

1. An inspection program would provide, at a minimum, that:
 - a. Every vehicle registered in the State is inspected at the time of initial registration and on a periodic basis thereafter as determined by the State based on evidence of the effectiveness of inspection programs.
 - b. The inspection is performed by competent personnel specifically trained to perform their duties and certified by the State.
 - c. The inspection covers systems, subsystems, and components having substantial relation to safe vehicle performance.
 - d. Each inspection station maintains records in a form specified by the State, which includes at least the following information:
 - i. Class of vehicle.
 - ii. Date of inspection.
 - iii. Make of vehicle.
 - iv. Model year.
 - v. Vehicle identification number.
 - vi. Defects by category.
 - vii. Identification of inspector.
 - viii. Mileage or odometer reading.
2. The program should be periodically evaluated by the State and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration should be provided with an evaluation summary.