

Subsidized Car Seat Distribution Program Information for Parents and Caregivers



Colorado State Law requires all children who are less than age 8 be **properly** secured in a car seat or booster seat. *Many children will still need a booster seat to age 12 for a proper and safe seat belt fit.*

You have been referred to our program to receive a low-cost subsidized car seat for your child.

Please contact **Children's Hospital Colorado / Safe Kids Colorado Springs at (719) 305-7233** or email Suzanne.Grace@childrenscolorado.org to schedule your appointment to receive a car seat for your child. The cost of the car seat will vary from \$10 to \$40 depending upon the type of car seat needed (the most common type of car seat needed costs \$30). Please be aware of the following before you schedule your appointment:

- **The Subsidized Car Seat Program is intended to provide one car seat for a child who either doesn't have a car seat or the car seat they have is expired or unsafe. It is not intended to provide a second seat for use in a second vehicle.**
- **Appointments to receive car seats are generally scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of each month between 3pm to 6pm at a location near the intersection of S. Academy Blvd and Airport Rd.**
- **At the appointment, you will learn how to properly install the car seat into your vehicle and how to correctly buckle your child into the car seat. Please allow 45 minutes for the appointment; longer if you have more than one child.**
- **Your child must attend the appointment to receive a car seat. Pregnant parents will receive instructions on how to buckle their baby into the car seat using a demonstration doll.**
- **"Infant" car seats (the type with a handle and separate base) are NOT included in our program. For newborns, we have convertible car seats that fit children from 5 pounds that fit most newborns. The seat will also last your child much longer so you may not need another car seat until the child is between 3 and 5 years old.**
- **Exact cash paid at the time of the appointment is the only form of payment currently accepted.**

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**The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that:*

- *Children remain in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the upper weight or height limits of the car seat, which can be through age 4 or more.*
- *Children remain in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until they reach the upper weight or height limits of the car seat, which can be through age 6 or more.*
- *Children remain in a booster seat until the vehicle seat belt fits them properly, which can be to ages 10-12 or more. (02.19)*