

Subsidized Car Seat Distribution Program



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.

- **Does the family have a car seat or booster seat for their child?**
- **Is the child in the correct car seat for their age and size?***
- **Did they purchase the car seat new or receive it from a trusted source (family, friend)?**
- **Is their car seat less than 6 years old? Most car seats expire 6 years from the date of manufacture.**
- **Does their car seat have a crash-free history, have all of its parts and pieces, and is not recalled?**
- **If the family is expecting a baby, do they have a car seat for the child?**

If the answer to any of these questions is **NO** or is **UNKNOWN**, please refer the family to Safe Kids Colorado Springs to receive a new subsidized car seat or booster seat for their child. If in doubt, refer the family and we will make a determination of need. Subsidized costs range from \$10-\$40 depending upon the type of seat needed. We are unable to provide free seats. Please note, we do NOT provide rear-facing only infant car seats (seats with a carrying handle and separate base). The convertible car seats we provide can be used rear-facing and fit most newborns.

Referral Process: Once you identify a family who may be in need of a car seat or a booster seat, please provide the family with our phone number and/or email address so we can gather additional information from them and schedule their appointment. Seats are typically distributed at our monthly car seat inspection station on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 3pm to 6pm.

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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.*