



SAFE KIDS POLICIES AND PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

Safe Kids Cape Fear Child Safety Seat Inspection Program
Free Car Seat Inspections by Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians

The primary goal of the Safe Kids Child Passenger Safety Program is to instruct families on the proper use/installation of child restraints. For the best possible educational car seat inspection, these criteria should be met: The family with (1) the child, in their (2) current car seat and their (3) most used vehicle would need to be present for a certified technician to teach the family to install the seat correctly.

Helpful information for having your child's car seat inspected

- The following are recommended or required for a certified technician to best teach your family to install your seat correctly. Bring:
 - Your Child (Recommended)
 - In their current car seat (Required)
 - Your most used vehicle (Required)
- Arrive Early! Some inspections require appointments, please schedule appropriately.
- Allow at LEAST 20 minutes per seat and be prepared to learn to install the seat yourself. We are here to educate you on child safety seat installation.
- Staff services are provided free of charge by the participating organizations.

Safe Kids Car Seat Distribution Program

In the event the Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician determines your current car seat is unsafe or inappropriate for your child, a limited number of car seats are available to families who can least afford them. A child safety seat cannot be replaced if the child is not present during the inspection. The child **MUST** be physically present to fit the seat. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

- The primary goal of the Safe Kids Child Passenger Safety Program is to instruct families on the proper use/installation of child restraints. **We are not a child safety seat retail center or give-away center.**
- In the instance a car seat meeting our criteria needs to be replaced, seats are \$20.00 with proof of financial assistance (Medicaid card and proof of WIC) and proper identification (photo ID). Without proof of financial assistance and proper identification the cost of the seat will be the full replacement cost of the seat (price varies, depending on the type of seat, usually \$45.00-\$53.00).
- Families meeting the financial criteria are eligible for **ONE** car seat at the reduced price. Any additional seats will cost the full replacement cost of the seat.
- In the event the technician replaces your seat with a new model. **You MUST forfeit your old seat for disposal. You may not take your old child restraint with you when you leave.** The local fire department will dispose of your seat for you. This prevents un-safe seats from being re-used.
- Seat distribution occurs only if we have an appropriate seat available.

All organizations are public safety, and emergency response takes precedence over a car seat inspection. Thank you for understanding.

Car Seat Tips to Help You At Home

- A properly installed car seat will move less than 1 inch side to side at the seat belt path.
- Children under 1 year must be rear-facing in the car. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children remain rear facing as long as possible. Most convertible seats can be used rear facing up to 30-35 pounds.
- Effective January 1, 2005: NC Law states a child less than 8 years old and less than 80 pounds shall be properly secured in a weight appropriate child passenger restraint system (child safety seat or booster seat)
- Children 12 and under should **NEVER** ride in front of an airbag.
- Car seats that were in use during a motor vehicle crash may need to be replaced. Please check with a Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to see if your seat is safe.
- **NEVER** purchase or use second hand seats. They may have been in a motor vehicle crash previously, be missing parts, be over 6 years old, or be under recall.

Safe Kids Cape Fear is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to childhood injury prevention. Help save lives with your tax-deductible support. Checks can be made payable to "NHCHD" and put "Safe Kids" under the memo line.

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