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Child Passenger Safety Program

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What is the Steuben County Child Passenger Safety Program?

Families deserve peace of mind when it comes to their children's safety.

Unfortunately, national studies show that four out of every five car seats are installed incorrectly.

The Steuben County Child Passenger Safety Program is pleased to offer:

- Free car seat education, safety inspections and installation assistance
- Low or no cost car seats and booster seats for income qualified families
- Premature Infant Car Bed Loaner Program for infants less than 9 pounds; \$20 deposit

The Steuben County Child Passenger Safety Program is here to serve you in putting your family first.

Who Can Participate?

Steuben County families who meet the income guidelines — gross income falls below 200% of the Federal Poverty guidelines— or those who are eligible for or receive services through WIC, Food Stamps, or Head Start are eligible for the Steuben County Child Passenger Safety Program.

How Many Car Seats Can My Family Request?

The Steuben County Child Passenger Safety Program can only provide one seat per child. Recipients must have legal custody of the child and agree to attend an education and installation session. Secondary seats are not available for noncustodial parents, childcare providers, grandparents or for a family's second vehicle.

Types of Car Seats

Car seats and booster seats are available, including:

- **Convertible car seats** that can be rear facing or forward facing for children 5 - 65 pounds
- **Combination car seats** that can be used as a harnessed forward facing seat or as a booster seat for children 22 - 110 pounds
- **Booster seats** that can be used as a high back or backless booster for children 40 - 100 pounds

How do I apply to receive a car seat?

Applications are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/CarSeatProgram> or can be found in the Public Health office located at 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath.

See the back page for information for families who are not eligible for the program.

New York State Passenger Safety Information

Did You Know?

- It is recommended that children remain rear-facing until at least 2 years of age, or as long as possible and until the child reaches the maximum weight and height allowed for your particular car seat. Starting November 2019, these best practice recommendations are NYS law. The weight and height limits can be found on stickers located on the car seat, on the manufacturer's website, or in the car seat manual.
- Children less than 4 years old must ride in a child safety seat that meets federal standards (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213).
- All children less than 8 years of age and who are less than 4'9" tall MUST remain in a safety seat that is appropriate for their height and weight.
- It is recommended that children less than 40 pounds remain in a 5-point harness seat for as long as the manufacturer has tested and proven safe to do so per the weight and height guidelines. Children weighing more than 40 pounds can safely and legally be placed in a booster seat using the shoulder-lap seat belt to secure them.
- The driver and all front-seat passengers MUST wear seat belts, one person per belt, per New York State Law.
- Children less than 13 years of age should ride in the back seat at all times.

- Children less than 16 years of age riding in the back seat MUST wear seat belts or use a child safety restraint.
- It is strongly recommended that ALL passengers wear a seat belt at all times.



Best Practices

Car seats expire. Check your manufacture and expiration dates found on your car seat and discard the seat once expired. If no expiration date can be found, discard the seat after 6 years from the manufacture date.

Register your car seat. This can be done by mailing in the postcard that comes attached to the car seat or by going online to the car seat manufacturer's website. By registering your seat, you will be notified of any recalls. You can also check for current recalls by visiting the car seat manufacturer's website or calling the customer service telephone number located on the seat.

Additional Resources

Car Seat Technicians are also available to check car seats for proper installation and provide education to non-eligible families for free by appointment throughout the year.

Car Seat Check Events are held throughout Steuben County in April - September and are free and open to the public. All families leave the events with safe seats for their children. Car Seat Check Events are posted on the Public Health Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SCNYPublicHealth. There are no eligibility requirements for Car Seat Check Events. Families should arrive at events with their current car seats and children.

Ardent Solutions checks car seats at their fitting station free of charge by appointment.

Date: 3rd Wednesday every month

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Leland D. Flint

Addison Community Center

13 Community Drive

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Call: 585-593-5223 ext. 14

