

COUNTERFEIT CAR SEAT?

Car seats and booster seats are the safest way for children up to age 12 to travel in motor vehicles, until children properly fit in a safety belt only.

If children use the wrong type of car seat for their age and size, or ride in a counterfeit (“fake”) seat that doesn’t meet federal safety standards, they are at risk of injury or death in a crash.

Counterfeit car seats are a safety concern. With so many car seats available for purchase online and from retail stores, it may be difficult to know if a car seat is counterfeit.

If you suspect a car seat does not meet federal safety standards, do not buy it.

If you suspect a car seat might be fake, or if your seat did not come with an owner’s manual and registration card:

- ✓ Keep detailed records of where, when, and how the seat was purchased;

- ✓ Call the manufacturer to verify the product's information (ex. model or serial number, date of manufacture, labels, etc.); and
- ✓ If the seat is fake, report it to [STOPfakes.gov](https://stopfakes.gov).

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA.gov/carseat](https://www.nhtsa.gov/carseat)) provides free information on car seats and booster seats that meet applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, as well as how to find the right car seat or booster seat for your child.



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