
What is the law in California?

All kids must be properly buckled-up while traveling in a motor vehicle (car or truck). It is illegal to not secure a child properly in a child safety seat or booster seat. (California Vehicle Code Section 27360)

- Children must be buckled into an appropriate safety or booster seat in the back seat of a car/truck until they are at least 8 years old, or 4 feet 9 inches tall. As of January 1, 2017, all children up to age 2 OR 40 lbs OR 40 inches tall must be rear facing while traveling in a vehicle.
- Children ages 8 or older, or who are 4 feet 9 inches tall, may use the adult seatbelt if it fits properly.
- If children are not tall enough for the adult seatbelt, they must ride in a booster or car seat regardless of age
- It is illegal for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette in a motor vehicle (whether it is moving or not) when a child under the age of 18 is in the vehicle at the same time (California Health and Safety Code Section 118947).



Why is it important to buckle up my child?

Child safety seats and booster seats save lives. Kids who are correctly secured while riding in a motor vehicle have a better chance at avoiding injury or death in a car accident. In California, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 4 to 16 years. Almost half of those children were not restrained (buckled-up).

Is it safe for my child to sleep in a car seat?

No. Your child can be hurt or die by being left to sleep in a car seat or carrier. Your child can fall out, become tangled in the straps, or may have hard time breathing if his head falls forward. Put your baby to bed in a bassinet or crib.

Where can I find more information?

- California Department of Public Health: Child Passenger Safety in California
Website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Pages/CPSinCalifornia-VOSP.aspx>
- American Academy of Pediatrics, Website: <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/carseatsafety.cfm>
- National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, Website: www.nhtsa.gov

What is in the packet?

- A list of car seat programs in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties. These programs offer Infant, Convertible, and/or Booster seats for sale or loan, in exchange for a voucher, or at no cost.
- More information about the law in California and how to choose the best type of safety seat for your child.

A list of local car seat inspection stations. An expert can inspect your child's car seat, in most cases free of charge. They can also show you how to correctly install and use a car seat.



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	Fresno County	
Agency	Program Description	Targeted Clients
Anthem Blue Cross 5250 N. Palm, Suite 421 Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 353-3500 Contact Person: Karen Kitchen or (559) 432-2223 Kim Wilson	3 hour class conducted by Baby Safe of Fresno. Offer convertible seats for free after attending class	Blue Cross members who are pregnant
Baby Safe of Fresno 2037 West Bullard, #301 Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 432-2223 Contact Person: Kim Wilson	Educational classes for violators and the public. Training classes for CPS technicians and instructors. Distributes safety seats provided by contract agencies	Public, county clients, law enforcement, and all other agencies
California Highway Patrol 1382 W. Olive Ave Fresno, CA 93702 (559) 441-5441	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired.	Public
California Highway Patrol 5179 N. Gates Avenue Fresno, CA 93702 (559) 277-7250	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired.	Public
California State Automobile Association (AAA) 5040 N. Forkner Avenue Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 440-7317	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged recalled, or expired	Public
Central Valley Indian Health 2740 Herndon Avenue Clovis, CA 93611 (559) 299-2634	3 hour mandatory class conducted by Baby Safe of Fresno	Native Americans in rural Fresno, Madera, and Kings counties. Verification of pregnancy. Child/mother must be a patient with CVIH
Children's Services Network 1911 N. Helm Avenue Fresno, CA 93721 (559)456-8195	Fitting station by appointment only. Fridays preferred.	Public



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Clovis Police Department 1233 Fifth Street Clovis, CA 93612 (559) 324-2800	Fitting station by appointment only.	Public
EOC-Early Head Start 1920 Mariposa Way, Suite 130 Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 263-1550	3 hour mandatory class conducted by Baby Safe of Fresno. Free car seat after attending class	Early Head Start clients only
Fresno County Dept. of Public Health/Child Ride Safe Program P.O. Box 11867/CHDP Fresno, CA 93775 (559) 600-3281 (Spanish) or Kim Wilson (559) 432-2223	Low cost car seat program (\$25). Must attend 3 hour child passenger safety presentation including video and instruction.	Court referrals and low income residents of Fresno County. Must meet income eligibility requirements and be parent or guardian of child in need of car seat.
Fresno Police Department 2323 Mariposa Mall, Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 621-SAFE (7233)	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired	Public
Kern County		
Bakersfield Police Department 1601 Truxton Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 326-3052	Agency training, statistical data, videos, hands on demonstration, and educational materials	Public Resource for what is available in Kern Co.
California Highway Patrol 25449 Stockdale Hwy Bakersfield, CA 93314 (661) 764-5580	Inspections done every Monday by appointment. 1-2 hours of general hands on training (English/Spanish)	Kern County residents
California Highway Patrol 4040 Buck Owens Blvd. Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 864-4444	Presentations: planning on holding child passenger safety clinics at office	Low income Kern County residents
California Highway Patrol-Buttonwillow 29449 Stockdale Highway CA 93314 (661) 764-5580	Fitting station by appointment only. 1-2 hours of general hands on training (English only)	Low income Kern County residents



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<p>California Highway Patrol-Mohave 1365 Highway 58 Mohave, CA 93501 (661) 824-2408</p>	<p>1-2 hours of general hands on training (English only)</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>
<p>Clinica Sierra Vista 1509 E. 11th Street Bakersfield, CA 93307 (661) 322-3276</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Public Resource for what is available in Kern Co.</p>
<p>Clinica Sierra Vista 2707 F Street Bakersfield, CA (661) 324-0293</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Public Resource for what is available in Kern Co.</p>
<p>Delano Regional Medical Center 1401 Garces Highway Delano,CA 93216</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>
<p>Kern County Health Department 1800 Mt. Vernon Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93206 (661)868-0378</p>	<p>Agency training, statistical data, videos, hands on demonstration, and educational materials</p>	<p>Public Resource for what is available in Kern Co</p>
<p>Omni Family Health Services-Brimhall 1014 Calloway Drive CA, 93312 (661)630-7603</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>



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<p>Omni Family Health Services-Buttonwillow 227 E. Front Street Buttonwillow, CA 93206 (661)630-7333</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>
<p>Omni Family Health Services-Lost Hills 21138 Paso Robles Highway Lost Hills, CA 93249 (661) 630-7510</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>
<p>Omni Family Health Services-Oildale 525 Roberts Lane Bakersfield,CA 93308 (661) 772-5214</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Public Resource for what is available in Kern Co.</p>
<p>Omni Family Health Services-Shafter 320 James Street Shafter, CA 93263 (661) 459-1811</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>
<p>Omni Family Health Services-Taft 1100 Fourth Street Taft, CA 93268 (661) 630-7408</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>
<p>Omni Family Health Services-Wasco 2010 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 (661) 759-2264</p>	<p>1-2 hr of general hands on training (English/Spanish); voucher can be applied to any car seat with a 5 point harness system. Must come in with car seat for inspection and replaced only if damaged or recalled</p>	<p>Low income Kern County residents</p>



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Kings County		
California Highway Patrol 1565 Glenndale Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 582-0231	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired.	Public
Kings County Health Department 330 Campus Drive Hanford, CA 93230 (559) 852-4888	2 hour free education class including skills based training on car seat installation. Voucher program towards the purchase of a child seat and/or booster	County and neighboring county residents
Madera County		
Anthem Blue Cross of California 2011 Fresno Street, Suite 4 Fresno, CA 93638	3 hour class conducted by Baby Safe of Fresno. Offer convertible seats for free after attending class	Madera County/ Blue Cross members Medi-Cal
Darin M. Camarena Health Centers 344 E. 6 th Street Madera, CA 93638 (559) 675-5600	Instructional video, hands on demonstration, pre/post survey (3 hour English/Spanish)	Prenatal car seat program for their patients
Madera County Health Department 14215 Road 28 Madera, CA 93638 (559) 675-7893	Fitting station by appointment only; provides car seat for in house management clients (English/Spanish)	Low income residents and referrals
Mariposa County		
California Highway Patrol 5264 Hwy 49 North Mariposa, CA 95338 (209) 966-3656	Fitting station by appointment only. Hands on demonstration. If parent unable to afford car seat, they will be referred to Salvation Army	Mariposa County residents
Merced County		
California Highway Patrol 1500 Bell Drive Atwater, CA 95301	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired	Public



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California Highway Patrol 706 West Pacheco Blvd. Los Banos, CA 93635 (209) 826-3811	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired (English/Spanish)	Public
Merced County Health Department 260 East 15 th Street Merced, CA 95340 (209) 381-1136 English/Spanish (209) 381-1279 Hmong	2 hour violator/low income education class. Lecture, video, handouts. Class fee is \$25 with sliding scale for low income attendees (English/Spanish/Hmong)	Low income Merced County residents and violators
San Joaquin County		
AAA 145 Trevino Avenue Manteca, CA 95337 (209) 824-6114	Fitting station by appointment only	Public
California Highway Patrol 3330 N. Ad Art Road Stockton, CA 95215 (209) 943-8666	Fitting station by appointment only	Public
California Highway Patrol 385 W. Grantline Road Tracy, CA 95376 (209) 835-8920	Fitting station by appointment only	Public
Manteca Fire Department 1154 South Union Road Manteca, CA 95336 (209) 239-8435	Fitting station by appointment only	Public
San Joaquin County Public Health Services 420 South Wilson Way Stockton, CA 95205 (209) 468-8914	Fitting station by appointment only. 90 minute comprehensive car seat education with hands on demonstration (English/Spanish/SEA) \$25 booster and convertible seats \$35 combination seat	Education and installation for all ages



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Sutter Tracy Community Hospital 1420 Tracy Blvd Tracy, CA 95738 (209) 832-6033	Public health services car seat program partner	Prenatal patients
Stanislaus County		
AAA 3180 Hotel Drive Turlock, CA 95380 (209) 656-3067	Fitting station by appointment only	Public
California Highway Patrol- Modesto 4030 Kiernan Ave Modesto, CA 95356 (209) 545-7440	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired	Public
Oak Valley Hospital, Family Support Network 1405 West F Street, Suite A Oakdale, CA 95361 (209) 847-5121 ext. 10	Fitting station by appointment only. 90 minute class offered every month in English/Spanish.	Public
Stanislaus County Health Service Agency Keep Baby Safe 830 Scenic Drive Modesto, CA 95350 (209) 558-7400	90 minute class in English/Spanish offered every other month. Child passenger seat \$35 low income qualified (Medi Cal or WIC and upon completion of the education class)	Educational program targeted to community. Car seats voucher available for low cost purchase qualified, low income applicants
Turlock Police Department Traffic Safety Unit 900 N Palm Street Turlock, CA 95380 (209) 664-7380	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired	Public



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	Tulare County	
California Highway Patrol-Tulare 5025 West Noble Avenue Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 734-6767	Fitting station by appointment only. Replacement of seat only if damaged, recalled, or expired	Public
Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency 132 N. Valley Oaks Drive Visalia, CA 93292 (559) 733-6123 ext 216	General education	Low income county residents
Tulare Police Department-Neighborhood Center 955 E. Cedar Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 685-2383	Fitting station by appointment only	Public