

California Car Seat Law and Our Hospital Policy

- California law mandates that children under age 8 must be properly buckled into a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- Effective January 1, 2017, children under 2 years of age shall ride in a rear-facing car seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds **OR** is 40 or more inches tall. The child shall be secured in a manner that complies with the height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the car seat.
- At the time of discharge, parents should be provided with resources that explain the laws governing the use of a car seat and where to obtain one. The hospital cannot deny discharge if a parent or caregiver doesn't take the child home in a car seat.

Car Seat Inspection Stations

- Children's Hospital Los Angeles' certified child passenger safety technicians (CPSTs) can assist with car seat inspections and installations free of charge. For an appointment, call 323-361-7157.

Special Needs Car Seats

- Special needs car seats can be used for children with temporary special needs such as casts, transport in supine position or limited trunk control. The Injury Prevention Program will always attempt to use a typical car seat first and defer to the regional center for permanent special needs seats.
- For special needs child passenger safety questions or concerns, please call 323-361-4697.



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Child Passenger Safety Services

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Children's Hospital Los Angeles Car Seat Loaner Program

- The Car Seat Loaner Program provides a car seat to inpatients who are going home; car seats must be returned within 30 days.
- The Car Seat Loaner Program is not available to the general public.
- Requests should be submitted a minimum of 24 hours in advance, providing the child's age, weight, special needs, medical record number, expected discharge date and time, and language needs.
- A loaner form application should accompany a \$20 deposit and will be refunded upon return of the car seat.
- For permanent car seats, enrollment in the Kohl's Injury Prevention Car Seat Class (see right) is recommended
- For more information about the Car Seat Loaner Program, email Carseats@chla.usc.edu.



Kohl's Injury Prevention Car Seat Classes

- To qualify for a free car seat, parents or caregivers must show proof of public assistance.
- One car seat will be provided per qualified family.
- Classes are held in Spanish and English.
- Children are not allowed to attend the class.
- Lockout occurs five minutes after class begins, no exceptions.
- Only parents and legal caregivers qualify to attend our classes.
- No repeat attendees.
- Expectant mothers must wait until they are eight months pregnant before attending this class.
- For more information or to register for the Kohl's Injury Prevention Car Seat Class, call 323-361-4711.

