



CAR SEAT EDUCATION + DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The Summit County Health Department offers car seat education and installation services to help caregivers properly secure children in vehicles, taught by a Certified Passenger Safety Technician (CPST). A car seat may be provided after education is completed. **Please note: any fees charged are for the education and installation services, not for the car seat itself.** These fees may be reduced or waived for families who meet eligibility requirements (see “Eligibility” below).

1. Group Car Seat Education Classes:

In-person car seat education classes are available to the public. After participating in the class, eligible families may receive a car seat and may qualify for a waived or reduced education fee.

2. Individual Appointments (Using Your Own Seat):

If a caregiver already owns a car seat, they may schedule a one-on-one, in-person education appointment for \$40. This appointment ensures proper installation and understanding of how to use the car seat as the child grows. Fees may be reduced or waived based on eligibility.

3. Online Education Option:

If unable to attend an in-person class, caregivers may complete the online car seat education course and schedule an appointment to bring in their completion certificate. A car seat may be distributed at that time. The \$40 fees for installation services may be reduced or waived based on eligibility.

4. Special Circumstances:

In certain cases, a one-on-one appointment may be arranged with a Summit County Certified Passenger Safety Technician when a caregiver cannot attend a regular class. These circumstances may include:

- a) A caregiver with a disability
- b) Emergency situations preventing attendance
- c) A car seat involved in a crash that requires immediate replacement

ELIGIBILITY FOR FEE REDUCTION OR WAIVER

Clients are encouraged to pay what they can. To be eligible for a reduced or waived education fee, the following criteria must be met:

1. The client must be a primary caregiver (e.g., parent, legal guardian, foster parent).
2. The child must not currently have a car seat, has outgrown their current seat, or is using a second-hand seat.
3. The family must be enrolled in WIC, Medicaid, or SNAP.
4. The client must attend a car seat education session provided by the Summit County Health Department.
5. Walk-in appointments are not accepted; all visits must be scheduled in advance.