

2009 Car Seat Replacement Program Guidelines

The Automotive Safety Program has established a network of Permanent Fitting Stations. Permanent Fitting Stations are places where parents/care-givers can make an appointment to have their child safety seat inspected by a trained child passenger safety technician. The most current information is given to the participant and instruction on how to properly install the child safety seat for their child. Permanent Fitting Stations are located in approximately 60 locations across Indiana. A list of sites can be found at www.preventinjury.org.

Permanent Fitting Stations (PFS) are provided throughout Elkhart County to **assist parents and caregivers with correct selection and installation of child safety seats**. Technicians are available to answer questions and help parents/caregivers make the best decisions regarding automobile travel for their children. PFS appointments are free of charge; however donations are encouraged to ensure continuation of the program. Permanent Fitting Station appointments can be made by calling 574.523.2116.

During a PFS appointment, technicians will review how children are currently riding in the vehicle. This includes children riding in seatbelts, parents lap, or in a car seat/booster seat. The technician will determine what actions, if any, need to be taken to ensure the safest way for all children to be restrained during travel.

The technician may offer replacement seats at cost to parents/caregivers. This ranges from \$15-\$50 per seat. **The technician may offer replacement seats to parents/caregivers who meet low-income eligibility guidelines.** Eligibility can be determined by showing WIC or Hoosier Medicaid cards, or other program participation identification at the time of the appointment. Eligibility can be determined by the agency making the referral, and identifying the client as “in need” on appropriate letterhead.

Replacement seats may be offered if the current seat is considered unsafe. Seats deemed unsafe may include, but are not limited to those that have been recalled, are older than 6 years, have been in a crash (moderate-severe with report), have unknown crash history (second-hand), or are inappropriate size (toddler in a baby seat or child in a seatbelt that needs to be in a car seat).

Any questions, concerns, or eligibility questions may be addressed by calling Hollie Lambert, program coordinator, at 574-523-2112.

Permanent Fitting Station Locations 2009

**Goshen Police Dept.
111 E. Jefferson St.
Goshen
574-533-8661
(appointments)**

**Elkhart County Health Dept.
608 Oakland Avenue
Elkhart
574-523-2116
(appointments)**

Bi-lingual services may be available at the Health Department in Elkhart and the Goshen Police Department. Clients who do not speak English are encouraged to provide their own translator.

Replacement seats may be available at all locations but **are not guaranteed**.

Walk-in clients will not be seen under any circumstances.

