



# KNOCK-OFF CAR SEATS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

St Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise and a hospital in Tri-Cities Washington have recently come across knock-off infant car seats. These seats were purchased on Amazon and came without proper labels or a base and were made of flimsy plastic.

These seats **do not** meet federal standards. Here is what to look out for:

- A seat with all parts made of plastic, including the buckles and the harness adjuster on the underside of the car seat
- A harness that does not have a chest clip
- Seats that do not have an owner's manual, registration card, safety labels and warnings, or a manufacture date
- Flimsy plastic that can be bent with very little pressure

Legitimate car seats will have:

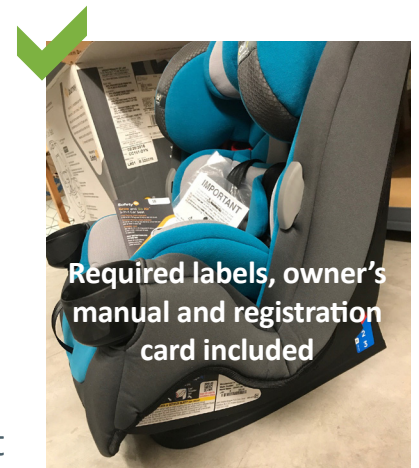
- An owner's manual and registration card attached
- All required labels and warnings, including certification that it meets standards for use in motor vehicles, the name and address of the manufacturer, a manufacture date, basic instructions for correct installation, and the minimum and maximum weight limits
- A chest clip
- Metal harness adjuster components on the underside of the car seat



Flimsy, plastic harness adjuster on underside



Missing required labels



Required labels, owner's manual and registration card included

Call Safe Kids Missoula at 406.926.2522 if you have questions or for a referral to a local car seat fitting station where a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician can help you.



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