

IS YOUR CAR SEAT A COUNTERFEIT?

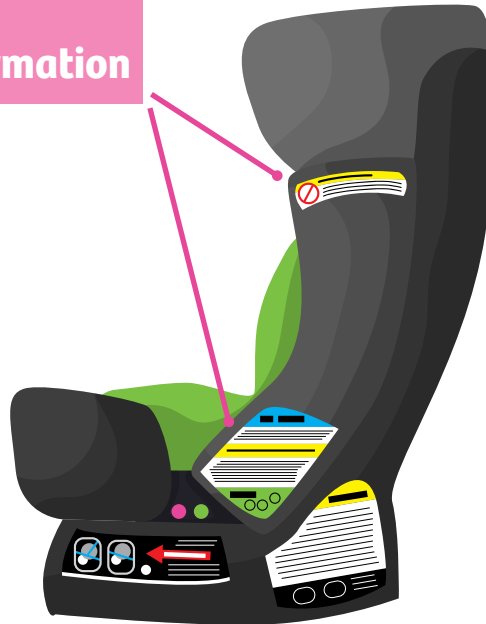
Your car seat may seem fine, but looks can be deceiving! Knock-off car seats are being sold at major online stores, and they **DO NOT** meet the standards for car seat safety in the United States.

Here's what to look for to make sure your seat is the real deal:

1 Warning Labels and Manufacturer's Information

Car seats must be labeled with the following information:

- Model name or number
- Manufacturer's name, address, and phone number
- "Manufactured In," plus the month and year the seat was made
- The city and state or country where the seat was made
- This statement: "This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards."
- Whether or not a car seat is safe to use on planes
- Height and weight requirements



2 5-Point Harness

Your seat should have shoulder belts, lap and crotch belts, a chest clip, and a crotch buckle.

3 Manual and Recall Card

Your seat should come with a user manual and a ready-to-mail recall card.

4 Branding

Your seat should display a real company logo in multiple places.



Tips for choosing a safe seat:



Do your Research

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) provides info about car seats at healthychildren.org.



Shop In-Store

Shop in-person if you can. If you do shop online, buy directly through the manufacturer's website.



Buy New

There's no way to know if a used seat is safe. Don't buy second-hand from someone you don't know.

Have a Fake? Replace and Report!

Counterfeit car seats are NOT safe. If you think you have a fake, **REPLACE** it as soon as possible. Then **REPORT** it to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at NHTSA.gov.

Need More Help?

Find a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) at SafeKids.org.



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