

# Guidelines for Replacing Car Seats

Safe Kids recommends that car seats not be purchased at garage sales or thrift stores due to the unknown history of the seat. For more information please contact Safe Kids Grand Forks at [safekids@altru.org](mailto:safekids@altru.org) or at [www.safekidsgf.com](http://www.safekidsgf.com)



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## Seat History Unknown

If the history is unknown the car seat should not be used.

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## Car Seat Expired

Exposure to sunlight and extreme temperatures can damage the plastic and webbing in car seats. Car seats cannot be used longer than six years unless otherwise stated by the manufacturer. This information can be found on the seats' label.

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## Car Seats are Sometimes Recalled

To check for recalls or to obtain registration information, visit, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov). Submit your registration card to be notified of a recall.

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## Missing or Broken Parts of Car Seat

If anything is missing or broken, contact the manufacturer to determine if the part is replaceable or if the car seat needs to be replaced.

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## Car Seat Involved in a Vehicle Crash

Contact the car seat manufacturer to determine if your car seat needs to be replaced after a crash. Contact your insurance company for reimbursement information for a new car seat.

## Go Green with Safe Kids

Drop off your unused/unsafe car seat at Safe Kids to be recycled at 607 DeMers Ave. in East Grand Forks, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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