

Buying a Used Child Safety Seat

There are some things you need to consider before you purchase a used child seat. Use the checklist below to help you decide if the child seat you are considering may be okay to use.

You should be able to check all the statements below before you consider using or purchasing a used child seat.

The child safety seat:

- Has never been in a crash.
- Comes with the manufacturer's instruction book.
- Has label stating model number and date of manufacture.
- Has the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) label.
- Has been checked to ensure there are no recalls.
- Is not past the expiry date.
- Has no cracks in the shell.
- Has no rust on metal parts.
- Comes complete. No parts are missing.
- Has no tears in the padding.
- Has a harness that is not frayed.
- Has a tether strap that is attached and not frayed (applies to forward-facing child seats only).

If you are buying or being given a used child safety seat or want to check the status of the child seat you are already using, a list of infant, child, and booster seat recalls is available on our website.

<http://www.tsf-bcaa.com/Content/Documents/childseatrecall.pdf>

For more information

- Go to our websites at www.ChildSeatInfo.ca and www.icbc.com/road_safety/carseat.asp
- Call our toll free Child Seat Information Line at 1-877-247-5551