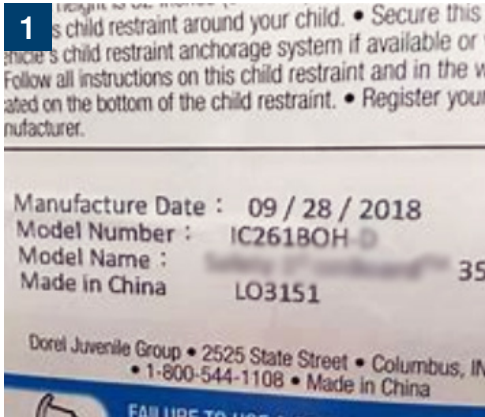


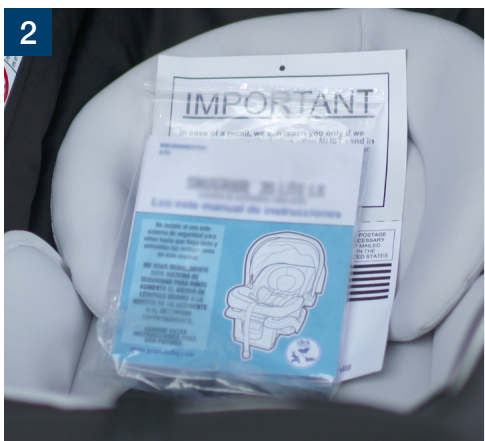
How To Spot a Counterfeit Car Seat

Counterfeit car seats are on the rise. To protect your child, follow these **five steps** to avoid accidentally purchasing an imitation car seat.



Informational safety label

The label will be in English and Spanish and should explain the proper way to use the car seat. Legitimate car seats contain a manufacturing label with the model name, model number, date of manufacture, and expiration date. They will also have warning labels with yellow headers and a sticker stating this child restraint conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).



Car seat manual and registration card

Car seats should always include a clearly written manual and a registration card that states the manufacturer's name and contact information. If your car seat doesn't come with these, there is a high chance that it is a counterfeit car seat.



Reputable retailer

Always purchase a car seat from a trusted retailer. When in doubt, check the manufacturer's website for a list of their authorized retailers. Be wary of third-party sellers on sites like Amazon or Walmart. Never buy any safety devices from Temu, TikTok, eBay, Wish, or AliExpress.



Five-point harness

In the U.S., every car seat with a harness includes a chest clip. If you see a harnessed car seat being sold in the U.S. without a chest clip, it is likely a counterfeit or a foreign car seat.

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Car seat deals

If a car seat is being advertised with a steep discount, trust your instincts. Watch out for misspelled words or blurred logos with these types of “deals.”

→ Interested in more information about car seat safety?

Call Safety Stop to ask a question or schedule an appointment with a child passenger safety technician at 314-565-0369. In-person appointments are available at five convenient Safety Stop locations:

- St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Children's Specialty Care Center-South County
- Children's Specialty Care Center-West County
- Progress West Hospital
- The Magic House



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