



Car Seat Purchasing Program

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of accidental childhood death and injury. Buckle Buddies SC, led by Safe Kids Midlands and Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, aims to reduce injuries and keep children safe by providing education on proper car seat usage and assistance with installation. Car seats are necessary to keep children safe while traveling on the road, however 95% of those on the road are not installed or used correctly. This misuse decreases their effectiveness in the event of an incident. Buckle Buddies SC is now offering new and safe car seats. They can be purchased at-cost through Stork's Landing at Palmetto Health Richland. The intention of this program is to make new and safe car seats accessible to all families in the Midlands. This program aims to increase the safe travel of children and reduce accidental injury or death.

The following types of car seats are available (starting price):

- Infant Car Bed (\$80)
- Infant Carrier Seat (\$55)
- Convertible Seat (\$40)
- Forward Facing High Weight Harness Seat (\$100)
- Backless Booster Seat (\$15)

This program is open to everyone in the community, which includes patients delivering at Palmetto Health hospitals.

Two discounts are available when purchasing a seat. If you are a Medicaid recipient, you may receive a discount at time of purchase by showing your Medicaid card. We also offer an Educational Discount. This discount is available to anyone who attends one of our Child Passenger Safety Classes that are offered 3 times per month in the midlands area. To attend a class, visit www.safekidsmidlands.org to see dates/times/locations on our Calendar of Events- then call 296-CARE (2273) to register. Discount amounts vary depending on the seat being purchased.

*****Classes do have a seat limit and also will be canceled if no one is registered so please make sure to register!!***

Buckle Buddies offers other assistance in child passenger safety, including free monthly child passenger safety classes and car seat check-ups. Nationally certified technicians are available on-site to assist parents or caregivers with car seat installation and usage, answering any questions they may have. All of these events are FREE and are designed to decrease the accidental injury or death in children.

