

**Using old car seats** - Most car seat manufacturer guidelines recommend that a car seat only be used for a limited amount of time, usually between 6 and 10 years. Older car seats may not meet current federal safety standards, certain parts may have deteriorated from sitting in the elements and may not protect the child as intended in a crash and replacement parts may no longer be available.

**Using used car seats** - Never use a used car seat unless you know the history and it has all the labels attached. Even though you may not see any damage to the outside of the seat there may be structural damage on the inside or the seat may be missing critical parts or pieces or it may have been recalled. Without knowing the history you cannot be sure that the seat will perform as intended in a crash and protect your child.