Video Car Seat Assistance Program

Participant Information Form

*This Video Car Seat Assistance Program is meant to be an educational interaction between a child’s caregiver(s) and a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) to promote the safety of the child while riding in a vehicle. While in-person car seat checkups are preferred, a video appointment can provide essential education when in-person car seat checkups are not feasible.*

**Participant Information**

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| **Name** | **Phone** | **Email** | **Vehicle Make/Model/Year** |
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**Video Application to be used for your appointment (please circle/highlight):**

**Skype FaceTime Google Hangouts**

**Car Seat Information**

*Find the following information on a sticker on the car seat and/or it’s base. It is also located on the postcard that should be mailed in to register for recalls.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of Car Seat** | **Brand** | **Model Name** | **Model Number** | **Date of Manufacture** |
| **Rear-facing** |  |  |  |  |
| **Forward- Facing** |  |  |  |  |
| **Booster (no harness)** |  |  |  |  |

Do you have a copy of the car seat manual? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a copy of the vehicle owner's manual? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, please read the car seat manual and vehicle owner’s manual car seat information (found in the “child safety seat or car seat” section of the manual- use the back index)*

**Participant Acknowledgement**

Please read each paragraph and sign/date at the bottom if you understand the limitations on liability of Maryland Kids In Safety Seat staff and volunteers (electronic signature is acceptable)

I understand and agree that the sole purpose of the Maryland Kids In Safety Seats (KISS) Video Car Seat Assistance Program is to help answer my car seat and/or vehicle questions and is not intended as a substitution for an in-person car seat inspection by a nationally certified child passenger safety technician.

**I realize that the Video Car Seat Assistance Program is limited in its scope and that staff cannot fully evaluate the quality, safety, or condition of my car seat or the vehicle seat, safety belts, or any component of the vehicle now or in the future via a video car seat appointment.** I acknowledge that pre-reading and installing my car or booster seat(s) prior to my video car seat appointment is my necessary contribution to the process to obtain the best safety guidance. If KISS staff is unable to fully address an issue virtually, I understand that I will be referred to a local nationally certified child passenger safety technician or car seat inspection event for in-person assistance, and it is my responsibility as the participant to follow up with the recommendations made by staff as restrictions are lifted and in-person car seat inspection options are reinstated.

**Furthermore, I understand that the actions taken in this program will not guarantee my child’s safety in a motor vehicle crash.** I understand that a properly used child safety seat can prevent about 70% of vehicle-related injuries and fatalities among children and that it is important to read both the vehicle and safety seat instruction manuals. I understand and acknowledge that the advice given using the Video Car Seat Assistance Program is not equivalent to giving advice provided during an in-person appointment.

**I hereby release any program sponsors and Child Passenger Safety Technicians, the State of Maryland and its employees, volunteers, and representatives, and any political subdivision and its employees, volunteers, and representatives from any present or future liability for any injuries or damages that may result from the Video Car Seat Assistance Program or other situation.**

Participant Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_