



# Second Hand Child Car Seats Information Sheet



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In Western Australia, there are important checks to make before selling, donating or gifting a second-hand child car seat. This guide outlines what to check, questions to ask the recipient, information to share, and how to safely dispose of a seat that is not suitable for reuse.

### Assessing Suitability for Reuse

Do not sell, donate or gift a child car seat if:

- It has been in a moderate to severe crash
- It is over 10 years old
- It was purchased overseas
- It shows any signs damage, stress or deterioration
- There parts missing from the child car seat

### Before Reusing a Child Car Seat

Before selling, donating or gifting a child car seat, consider taking the following steps:

- Clean the child car seat, following our [Child Car Seat Cleaning Guide](#) and refer to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Download and print the manual for the recipient if the original is not available.
- Ensure all original parts supplied with the child car seat are included.
- Check if the child car seat is suitable for the child it is intended to be used by. This information can usually be seen on the side of the seat or in the instruction manual.

### Questions to Ask the Recipient

Before passing on a child car seat, it is important to confirm the recipient can use it correctly and safely. It is recommended that you ask the recipient the following questions:

- Is this the correct type of seat for the age and size of your child?
- Is this the correct type of seat for your vehicle?

### Information to Show the Recipient

Ensure the recipient is aware of all the information available for the child car seat they are receiving including the following:

- The Australian Standards sticker.
- The date of manufacture sticker or date stamp.
- The child car seat manual. If you do not have the original document, you can typically find a copy online through the manufacturer.

### Child Car Seat Disposal

Child car seats that are not suitable for selling, donating or gifting should be disposed of in a way that ensures they can not be re-used. This may include:

- Cutting and removing the top tether
- Cutting and removing the internal harness
- Removing and destroying the cover and padding
- Cutting, breaking and/ or separating the plastic shell

### Further Support and Information

For further information, advice or assistance, please contact us or view our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).



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