

Buckle Up San Bernardino County!

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, through its Child Passenger Safety Program, conducts a **Violator Intervention Program (VIP)** for persons who have been cited for not buckling up children correctly in car seats or booster seats as required by California law. VIP participants may be referred by the courts or a law enforcement agency.

California law requires all passengers to be properly buckled up each and every time they ride in a vehicle. Children must be in car seat or booster seat from birth to at least 8 years of age, or until they have reached a height of 4 feet 9 inches. Older children and adult passengers must ride properly buckled up in a vehicle seat belt.

VIP classes are taught by certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPS) who provide instruction on the buckle up laws, crash dynamics, how safety restraints protect in a crash, including demonstrations on proper use and vehicle installation of car seats and booster seats. CPS technicians also inspect car seats brought to the class to ensure that they meet safety regulations. The purpose of the program is to reduce injury and death of children in motor vehicle crashes by educating parents on proper car seat use and installation.

Important Registration Information:

- Classes are 3 hours in length. You must complete the entire class to receive a certificate of completion for the court.
- Classes are offered once a month in San Bernardino only. Please call 1-800-782-4264 Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm to register early.
- A \$50 class fee is due at the time of the class. **Cash only.**
- You may be asked to bring your child's car seat to the class for an inspection.
- New car seats are available for purchase for the low cost of \$35, should you need to replace your child's car seat.
- Car seats or booster seats that are not the right size for your child, too old, damaged, have missing parts, or have been in a car crash should be replaced.

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