KNOCK-OFF CAR SEATS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

St Luke’s Children’s Hospital in Boise and a hospital in Tri-Cities Washington have recently come across knock-off infant car seats. These seats were purchased on Amazon and came without proper labels or a base and were made of flimsy plastic.

These seats do not meet federal standards. Here is what to look out for:

- A seat with all parts made of plastic, including the buckles and the harness adjuster on the underside of the car seat
- A harness that does not have a chest clip
- Seats that do not have an owner’s manual, registration card, safety labels and warnings, or a manufacture date
- Flimsy plastic that can be bent with very little pressure

Legitimate car seats will have:

- An owner’s manual and registration card attached
- All required labels and warnings, including certification that it meets standards for use in motor vehicles, the name and address of the manufacturer, a manufacture date, basic instructions for correct installation, and the minimum and maximum weight limits
- A chest clip
- Metal harness adjuster components on the underside of the car seat

Call Safe Kids Missoula at 406.926.2522 if you have questions or for a referral to a local car seat fitting station where a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician can help you.

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