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Free Car Seats for Qualifying Families: Let's ensure every Panhandle child rides safe

Car seats are essential for every child's safety when riding in a vehicle. Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD) is committed to ensuring all Panhandle residents have access to this important safety item, regardless of their income level.

Children up to age eight must be correctly secured in a federally approved child safety seat. Panhandle families who meet specific income guidelines can reach out to the PPHD to learn more about if they qualify and can have their child or children fitted for a free car seat starting November 1 at their Hemingford and Scottsbluff offices.

To further support families, PPHD's inspection stations provide valuable information to parents, caregivers, and providers on the proper installation of child safety seats. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians offer hands-on education, ensuring people have the right seat, it is secured properly, and reduces the risk of misuse in your vehicle.

"Every child deserves to be safe while traveling in a vehicle. By providing free car seats to families, we're taking a crucial step toward ensuring that all children in our community are protected on the road," states Janelle Visser, Injury Prevention Coordinator. "We encourage families to schedule their appointment and take advantage of these resources to keep their little ones safe."

Please contact PPHD at 308-633-2866 to **schedule your appointment** with a certified technician, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This opportunity is available to all Panhandle residents and the inspection stations are available at 18 W 16th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 and 808 Box Butte Ave, Hemingford, NE 69348.

Together, let's ensure every child rides safely.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle community.

Sources: <https://dot.nebraska.gov/safety/driving/cps/>; <https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/jhvftuqy/ne-inspection-stations.pdf>