

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: INFANT AND CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY

POLICY NO. 469

PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the dissemination of information related to California's vehicle code restraint laws for infants and small children.

POLICY

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center shall provide information on child passenger restraint systems to parents of all infants and young children or to adults to whom the medical center releases a child.

PROCEDURE

A. Children Covered by Policy

- This policy covers all children age 8 and younger.

B. Information to Be Disseminated

- Health care professional staff shall discuss and/or make available the following information:
 - A summary of current state laws requiring use of child passenger restraint systems when transporting children in motor vehicles.
 - Contact information to direct the person to an Internet Web site or other contact that could provide, at no cost or low cost, information and assistance relating to child passenger restraint system requirements, installation, and inspection.
 - A list of child passenger restraint system programs in the county.
 - Information describing the risks of death or severe injury due to failure to use, or to misuse, of a child passenger restraint system.

C. Dissemination Time Line

- Health care professional staff shall discuss or make available the above information prior to discharge or at discharge.

D. Documentation

- The health care professional discussing car seat information shall document the teaching on the appropriate medical record.

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1203.4, 1212, 1268.

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