

How do I make an appointment?

You may make an appointment by contacting either:

Wisconsin Rapids Police Dept
Officer Kasandra Borchardt
715-421-6205

or

Wood County Health Dept
Ty or Erica
715-421-8911

Your appointment should be made no less than 2 days in advance. The certified technicians will make every effort to schedule your appointment prior to your court date, within reason.

Program Cost: FREE

There is no cost to participate in this program. However, failure to successfully complete the program will mean that you need to address your rights and obligations pertaining to the original citation as set forth on the citation.



If you have questions or need to speak to the program coordinator contact:

*Wisconsin Rapids
Municipal Court*

444 W Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Phone: 715-423-6212
Fax: 715-423-4408

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Child Passenger Safety Education and Diversion Program



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The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Court, and Safe Kids Wood County have developed the Child Passenger Safety Education and Diversion Program.

Participation in this program is a voluntary option available to persons cited for child safety seat or child seat belt violations.

Completion of the program generally results in your *not having to pay the forfeiture and reduces the risk of loss of driver's license* due to excess point violations.

Goals of the Child Passenger Safety Education and Diversion Program:

- ◆ To provide education on Wisconsin's child passenger laws.
- ◆ To encourage parents to properly secured their child EVERY time they ride in a vehicle.
- ◆ To provide education on choosing the correct child safety seat.
- ◆ To provide hands-on instruction for proper installation techniques.

Who's eligible for the program?

Any person who has received a citation for a child safety seat or child seat belt violation by a Wisconsin Rapids Police Officer.

Note: The citation must indicate 'Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Court; 444 W Grand Avenue' as the court location. This must be your first offense for a child safety seat or child seat belt violation.

If you wish to participate in the program you must schedule your appointment with a certified car seat technician prior to the court date listed on your citation (see the "[How do I make an appointment?](#)" section of this brochure for instructions).

By successfully completing your appointment, you avoid the need to attend court.

In the event that you do not complete your appointment prior to your court date, and you wish to participate in the program, you may appear for your court date and advise the judge of your intentions. The judge may allow a time extension to complete the appointment at his discretion.

What does the program involve?

Participation in the Child Passenger Safety Education and Diversion Program requires that you attend a one-on-one car seat check with a certified car seat technician. The appointment will be a minimum of 1/2 hour in length. Successful completion of the program requires that you attend the entire appointment and that you bring your child and their safety seat to the appointment.

If you were cited for not having a child safety seat (mandatory for children 8 years old and younger) and you still do not have a child safety seat you must advise the technician at the time you make your appointment so that arrangements for purchase or loan of a child safety seat can be made.

In some cases persons, may qualify to purchase a discounted child safety seats provided by the Wood County Health Department.