

What is W.H.A.L.E CHECK ?



An Identification Program for Children in Car Seats


W.H.A.L.E. stands for “We Have a Little Emergency.” WHALE CHECK is an identification program for parents who have children in car seats. It is designed to provide instant identification of a child in a car seat who is involved in a motor vehicle crash. If the driver is injured or unable to talk with emergency personnel, the W.H.A.L.E. stickers will provide rescue workers information about the child in the car seat, including name, date of birth, and emergency contacts. In many cases, children are too young to identify themselves.

Rescue efforts may be delayed if emergency service personnel are unable to identify the child, or find emergency contacts. By having this vital information, emergency personnel can better meet the needs of your child.


This national program is used in over 35 states and rescue workers are trained to be alert for the identification stickers. Just knowing the child’s name can help rescue workers comfort a frightened child.

W.H.A.L.E. CHECK requires the use of one information label and three stickers.

- The W.H.A.L.E. Information label is the most vital part of W.H.A.L.E. CHECK. It provides important information about the child in the car seat, such as name, and who to contact in case of an emergency. It is important that all information be printed clearly and be up-to-date for the emergency rescuers to read. Place the label on the back of the car seat, and make sure the label is not visible from the outside of the vehicle to protect your privacy. Remember to remove the label if the car seat is sold or given away. Parents or guardians assume all responsibility for this label.



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Attach this label to back of safety seat

Child's Name _____

Child's D.O.B. _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home # _____ Work # _____

Doctor _____ Phone # _____

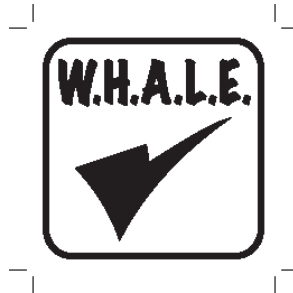
Emergency Contact (other than guardian)

Name _____ Relationship _____

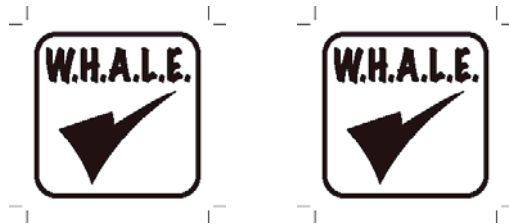
Home # _____ Work # _____

*Note: Guardians assume full responsibility for this information label. Update information as it changes.
Remove label if seat is transferred.*

- The *WHALE* vehicle window sticker is attached to the inside rear window of the vehicle. This will alert rescuers at the scene of the crash that the occupants participate in **W.H.A.L.E. CHECK**, and there is one or more car seat in the vehicle.



- The *W.H.A.L.E. CHECK* logo stickers should be attached to each side of the car seat. These will be visible from the outside and alert rescuers that the occupant has a **WHALE CHECK** identification label on the car seat.



Following these guidelines is key to the success of **W.H.A.L.E. CHECK**. In case of a crash, the program can assist rescuers by saving valuable time to care for children.

The Citrus County Health Department will provide these **W.H.A.L.E.** materials for families in Citrus County. They will also be available at all substations of the Sheriff's office. I am asking all law enforcement officers and EMS staff to be on the lookout for these labels if they assist at a crash scene involving children in car seats.

For more information or questions, contact Sue Littnan at the Citrus County Health Department Car Seat Safety Office 352-726-1731 ext 242.