

Post-Disaster CRS Safety Guideline



Initial Assessment

- ☐ Identify type of disaster:
 - ☐ Flood or water exposure
 - ☐ Fire or extreme heat
 - ☐ Earthquake, tornado, hurricane or falling debris
 - ☐ Chemical contamination or mold

Research

- ☐ Contact manufacturer with model and serial number for disaster-specific guidance
- ☐ Ask if they offer discounted replacements
- ☐ Check with your insurance carrier(s) to determine if your child restraints are covered by the homeowner's policy or automobile policy
- ☐ Check for recalls via [NHTSA Recall Lookup](#)

Visual Inspection

- ☐ Check for cracks, warping, or discoloration on shell
- ☐ Inspect harness for fraying, tears, mildew, or mold
- ☐ Examine buckles and metal parts for corrosion or rust
- ☐ Ensure labels and instruction manual are present and legible

Always Contact the Manufacturer If

- ☐ Seat was submerged in water or exposed to sewage/chemicals
- ☐ Signs of fire damage or smoke damage (even minor discoloration or odor)
- ☐ You cannot verify full history and condition
- ☐ If the integrity of any component of the car seat is in question

Preparedness Tips (for future events)

- ☐ Store CRS off ground, away from windows or flood zones
- ☐ Keep manual and registration in a waterproof bag
- ☐ Register CRS to receive recall/safety alerts