

# Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Prevention: Use of Child Safety Seats, Incentive and Education Programs

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## Task Force Finding

### Intervention Definition

Incentive and education programs (1) provide children and parents with rewards and opportunities for rewards for the purchase and correct use of child safety seats, and (2) include educational components of varying intensities.

### Task Force Finding (June 1998)\*

Incentive and education programs are recommended based on their effectiveness in increasing child safety seat use in a variety of populations and settings and using various reward systems. No harms or other potential benefits were reported and no qualifying economic information was identified from the literature.

\*From the following publication:

Task Force on Community Preventive Services. Recommendations to reduce injuries to motor vehicle occupants: increasing child safety seat use, increasing safety belt use, and reducing alcohol-impaired driving. *Am J Prev Med* 2001;21(4S):16–22.

### Publications

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