

Child Safety Alarm Systems: Partial List

It is the child care provider's responsibility to determine which system best meets the facility's needs while satisfying the performance standards. The Palm Beach County Health Department or Palm Beach County does **not** endorse any specific product. Child care providers may choose from the following six products and any other products that are proven to meet the attached performance and design standards. This partial list is made available for information only.

<p>KiddieVoice Child Reminder ATWEC Technologies, Inc. 2799 Broad Avenue, Memphis, TN 38112 1-888- 890-1543 www.atwec.com</p>	<p>Sleeping Child Check Monitor Doran Manufacturing, LLC 2851 Massachusetts Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45225 1-800-681-5424 www.doranmfg.com</p>
<p>C h i l d C h e c k - M a t e Child Check-Mate Systems, Inc. 3406 Frank Kenny Road, Navan, Ontario Canada K4B1J3 1-877-494-8222 www.childcheckmate.com or sales@checkmate.com or installation@checkmate.com</p>	<p>Child Reminder System CRS Electronics 129 Hagar Street, Unit #5 Welland, Ontario Canada L3B5V9 1-888-330-6786 www.childreminder.com</p>
<p>Bus-Scan Seat-Check Reminder Robotics Technologies, Inc. 20655 Burl Court Joilet, IL 60433 1-800-995-6056 1-815-722-7650 www.bus-scan.com or www.roboticstech.com</p>	<p>R e m e m b e r M e Monitor Onboard Motion, LLC 3161 Stage Post Drive, Suite 1M Bartlett, TN 38133 1-901-372-1448 1-800-395-3957 www.MOMonBOARD.com</p>

Palm Beach County Standards for Child Safety Alarm Devices

Introduction

On August 16, 2011, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (sitting as the Child Care Facilities Board) adopted the following regulation:

On or after September 1, 2012, all vehicles used by or on behalf of the child care facility for the transportation of children and that are designed to transport six (6) or more passengers must be equipped with a child safety alarm device that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children upon vehicle shut off. The device must be properly maintained in working order at all times. The Department shall, by December 1, 2011, develop and adopt standards for the installation and performance of such devices.

Applicability

These standards shall apply to all child care facilities, as defined in the Palm Beach County Rules and Regulations Governing Child Care Facilities, Article III, Definition 10, that provide transportation of children.

Standards


1. Any vehicle designed or used to transport six (6) or more passengers and one (1) driver must have an approved child safety alarm device installed. The alarm device must be properly maintained in working order at all times. For the purposes of these standards, alarm device and alarm system shall have the same meaning.
2. The alarm system must be designed and installed so that the vehicle horn, siren, or other type of audio alarm will sound if the driver/staff member does not walk to the rear, or, in the case of a passenger van, the side entry point of the vehicle, to manually shut off or deactivate the alarm. The alarm must be audible from a distance of 500 feet from the vehicle.
3. The alarm system must be armed or activated automatically when the vehicle's ignition is turned on. The driver must not have the option of activating the system. That is, once the child care vehicle is used to transport children, the system must activate automatically.
4. The time delay from the time the ignition is turned off after activation of the alarm system until the alarm sounds shall be no longer than one minute. This will ensure that the driver would not get far away from the vehicle before the alarm sounds.
5. The alarm system shall be installed so that the driver or adult deactivating the system must be able to observe the rearmost seats to reach the switch that deactivates the alarm. To insure that no child is left on the vehicle, the driver or a staff member must be able to physically inspect each seat before deactivating the alarm and leaving the vehicle.

6. To insure the safety of children, the child safety alarm must be used in conjunction with other requirements described in Palm Beach County Rules and Regulations Governing Child Care Facilities, Article XVII. The driver or the staff member who conducted the walk-through inspection required by Article XVII, Section C. must sign the transportation log to verify that all children have exited the vehicle.
7. The alarm system may be installed by any certified technician or mechanic employed by a recognized electronics or automotive business in accordance with the device manufacturer's recommendations.
8. It is the child care provider's responsibility to determine which product best meets the facility's needs while satisfying the performance standards.
9. The Department may provide a listing of child care safety alarm devices marketed for this purpose that appear to meet the intent of this rule. The list, if provided, shall not be considered a product approval, or an endorsement of any product(s). There may be other, non-listed products available in the marketplace that are suitable for the intended purpose and meet the performance standards contained herein. The provider shall be responsible for insuring that the selected alarm device meets the performance standards and is installed and maintained per the manufacturer's specifications.

Recommendation for Adoption

The Palm Beach County Child Care Advisory Council unanimously recommended adoption of these standards at a meeting of the Council held on November 9, 2011. This recommendation was made on a motion moved by Louise Mancini and seconded by Alicia Kula.

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