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The local authority is concerned that families looking to save money will buy cheaper second hand baby and child seats without knowing their history or whether they have been damaged in an accident.

Enfield Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Chris Bond, said: "As a grandfather myself I would strongly urge families don't buy second hand car seats, they may not fit properly in your car, be missing vital pieces, have been damaged previously and may not meet present safety standards.

"I know new car seats can be expensive but buying one that is undamaged, appropriate for your vehicle and suitable for your child is worth the money. You absolutely cannot put a price on the safety of a child and I'd urge mums and dads not to buy potentially dangerous second hand car seats."