

Ames Area Babywearing & Beyond

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Safety - The safety of your child is YOUR responsibility, and we urge you to please be careful when learning how to wear your baby. Always use common sense precautions.

Membership - Our membership fee is \$25/year. This can be paid via PayPal, cash, or check (local only). We may also require a copy/photo of a current (non-expired) driver's license or state issued ID AND proof of current address (Ex: utility bill with name and address matching your driver's license/ID). This allows you to check out one carrier per month. All leaders of our group are unpaid volunteers. We use these funds to cover costs of printed materials, new additions to the lending library, maintenance for current lending library carriers, and other miscellaneous costs for meetings. Membership fees are not tax deductible.

Meetings - Ames Area Babywearing and Beyond is not currently holding meetup events due to COVID-19.

LENDING LIBRARY POLICIES

Ames Area Babywearing and Beyond has a library of baby carriers for members to borrow. We maintain a list on our website, www.AmesAreaBabywearing.com. Not all carriers are guaranteed to be available to borrow. Membership is required in order to borrow carriers. The following policies apply:

1. Your Responsibility: You assume ALL responsibility for safely using all carriers and for inspecting the stitching and fabric on all carriers to satisfy yourself that the carrier is sound and suitable for use with your child. You assume the risk of using a carrier. Each time you borrow a carrier, you agree to hold harmless Ames Area Babywearing and Beyond, it's leaders and members, for any harm that may result to you or your child from the use of the carrier, including any harm allegedly resulting from leaders/members instruction or alleged failure to instruct.

2. No Tobacco Smoke: Do not expose a carrier to tobacco smoke or smoke residue. Do not use a carrier in a place where there is tobacco smoke residue. If a carrier must be transported in a car where smoking occurs, the carrier should be sealed up in the ziplock bag (provided at checkout) during transport. Carriers that are returned smelling like smoke will incur a \$20.00 cleaning fee.

3. Duration of Checkout: Checkout of a carrier is for one month only. Carriers need to be returned by the date on the bag. If you cannot return the item by the agreed up date, please make arrangements BEFORE the due date.

4. Late Fee: There is a \$3.00 per day late fee for any carrier that is not returned by the due date UNLESS previous arrangements have been made.

5. Cleaning: Carriers may be spot cleaned with a wet washcloth and hung to air dry (i.e. on a drying rack). **Please DO NOT wash or dry the carrier.** Many carriers have very specific washing or drying instructions. Washing a carrier incorrectly may ruin it. Carriers can be returned with baby spit up or “chew” marks with no penalty. Carriers that are returned excessively dirty will be charged a \$5.00 cleaning fee at the time they are returned. All carriers will be laundered as much as possible, according to the manufacturer's instructions, and placed in a new airtight bag before lending to the next person.

6. Harm to Carriers: Please treat the carriers with respect. If you ruin a carrier, you are responsible for paying the actual replacement cost of the carrier plus shipping. This cost will be listed on the “Carrier Checkout Sign Out” that you will be required to review and sign each time you check out a carrier. Partial damage to a carrier will result in you paying a percentage of the actual replacement cost of the carrier. The leaders in their sole discretion will determine whether a carrier is ruined and/or what percentage of damage the carrier has and the cost due.

7. Termination of Privileges: Violation of the policies may result in termination of a member’s borrowing privileges without a refund of dues.

By signing this membership application, I accept and agree to all membership and lending library policies listed in this document. I understand that I assume the responsibility for safely using all carriers and for inspecting the stitching and fabric on all carriers to satisfy myself that the carrier is sound and suitable for use with my child. I assume the risk of using a carrier. I agree to hold harmless Ames Area Babywearing and Beyond, it’s leader and members, for any harm that may result to me or my child from the use of the carrier, including any harm resulting from the members’ instruction or alleged failure to instruct.

Signature

Date