



Car Seat Safety

Car crashes are a leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 13 years. It is very important that your child is using the correct car seat every time they are in the car. Approximately 90 percent of car seats are installed or used improperly.

Car seats reduces the risk for death to infants (aged <1 year) in passenger vehicles by greater than 70% & the risk for death to toddlers (aged 1–4 years) in passenger vehicles by greater than 50%.

The car seat statistics on rear-facing car seats backup the latest recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) that kids should remain in rear-facing car seats until at least the age of two.

To find the right car seat for your child and for seat installation guidance follow the link below:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats>

Infant Car Seat (Rear-Facing only): Designed for newborns and small babies, the infant-only car seat is a small, portable seat that can only be used rear-facing. Babies often outgrow their infant car seats after several months. At that time it is recommended that parents purchase a convertible car seat and use it rear-facing.

Convertible Seat: As a child grows, this seat can convert from a rear-facing seat to a forward-facing seat. It has a harness and tether. Because it can be used with children of various sizes, it allows for children to stay in the rear-facing position longer.

