

Child Passenger Safety: Car and Booster Seats



Did you know?

Motor vehicle-related injuries are the #1 cause of death in the U.S. among 5-19 year olds.
All children should stay rear-facing as long as possible.



In RI, it's the law to keep kids rear-facing until age 2.

More than 90% of car seats are not used correctly.

How confident are you?

Best Practices for Choosing the Right Seat:

- Fits child's height and weight
- Fits vehicle
- Easy to use

Tips & Tricks:

- Always refer to your specific car seat manual and instructions
- Never strap a child in with a coat/bulky clothing, instead place on top after harness is fastened

Age (years)

Choose the Right Seat

Birth	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+
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Rear-Facing Car Seat



- Rear-facing is the safest way for small children to travel
- Place the chest clip at armpit level

Front-Facing Car Seat



- Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible, then move to a front-facing car seat with a harness and a tether

Booster Seat



- Make sure the lap belt fits across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt lies across the chest
- A booster should be used until the child can properly fit into a seat belt

Seat Belt



- Children must be at least 4'9" tall and between 80-100 pounds before a seat belt will fit properly
- Riding in the back seat of the vehicle is the safest for children



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