Child Safety Seat Installation



Is your child safe?

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Traveling Safely with Children

- Everybody needs a child safety seat, booster seat, or safety belt.
- There must be one safety belt for each person.
- People who are not buckled can be thrown from the car or around inside the car causing injury to themselves or others.



Child Passenger Safety Facts

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children of all races ages 2-14.
- Child safety seats, when properly installed, reduce the risk of death by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers.
- In Connecticut, 95% of all child safety seats are improperly installed.



- The child safety seat you choose should fit the age, weight and length of your child.
- Not every seat fits every vehicle.
- It is recommended that you know the history of the seat. Buying or borrowing a seat without knowing if it has been involved in a previous crash, recalled or has all of its parts can be dangerous.
- READ both the seat and vehicle manufacturer instruction manuals.



- If the registration card was not returned upon purchase, the owner of the seat may not be aware of a seat recall. Call the manufacturer or register the seat online.
- Many parents install or attach toys, window shades and mirrors which may disengage and hurt the child.
- No one seat is best, the "best" seat is the one that fits your child and can be installed correctly in your vehicle.



#1 Infant Seats (rear facing)

- Designed for newborns and infants between 5 – 20 pounds, some may be larger or smaller.
- Safest position is in the middle of the back seat.
- Safety seat should not move more than 1" from side to side (near the seatbelt) and should rock slightly from front to back.
- No part of the infant seat should touch the rear of a front seat.



#2 Convertible Seats (rear or forward facing)

- A convertible safety seat is recommended when a child is not yet 12 months of age but is at or above the weight limit of an infant seat.
- Some convertible seats have weight limits up to 35 pounds rear-facing and 40+ pounds forward-facing.



#3 Booster Seats

- A belt-positioning booster seat is preferred for children between 40-100 pounds.
- A belt-positioning booster seat is used with both the lap and shoulder belt.
- The lap and shoulder belt system alone will not fit most children until they are at least 4'9" and weigh about 80 pounds.

Connecticut Law

Any person who transports a child under the age of 7, AND weighing less than 60 pounds must provide and require the child to use a restraint system.

All drivers and front seat passengers who are not covered by the child restraint law must wear safety belts.
 Children between the ages of 4 and 16 must also use safety belts in the back seat.



Connecticut Law

- Infant seats can not be in front of an airbag
- Children in booster seats must be secured with a lap and shoulder seat belt

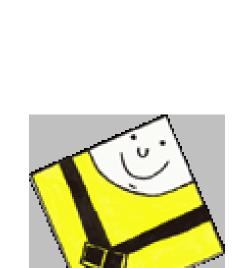


- If your vehicle has a passenger air bag, it is recommended for children under 13 to ride in the back seat.
- Refrain from attaching any item within the passenger compartment by using a suction cup, Velcro, or plastic clips.
- Secure and remove all passenger compartment items from being possible projectiles.



- Once you have installed your child safety seat, you may make an appointment by calling the Simsbury Police Department at 658-3100 to have your seat inspected.
- A safety seat technician will check your work and assist you with correcting any errors, if needed.

For further information contact...



- Connecticut Safe Kids
 - www.ctsafekids.org
- CT. Department of Transportation
 - http://www.ct.gov/dot
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 - www.nhtsa.gov