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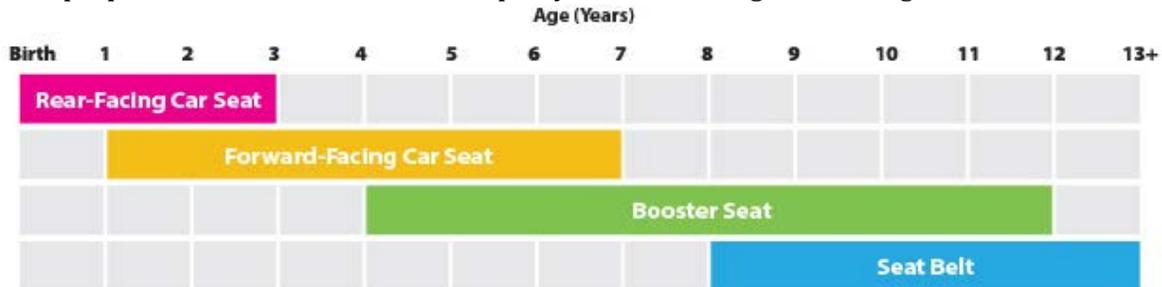
“In Partnership With Our Community”



National Child Passenger Safety Week Sept. 13-19, 2015

Did you know that a recent study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that nearly 75% of parents do not know how to properly fit or use their child’s safety seat? Are you 100% confident that your child is the safest they can be while riding in the car? With car crashes being a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old in the United States, it’s very important to make sure your child is in the correct safety seat to accommodate their growing body. But it’s not an easy task to find the right car seat. After all, there are several types of seats depending on your child’s age and size.

The Simsbury Police Department suggests that all parents and caregivers have their children’s car seats checked for proper installation and fit based upon your child’s height and weight. Research shows that



car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury for infants by 71 percent and by 54 percent for toddlers in cars, and by 58 percent and 59 percent for infants and toddlers in SUVs, pickups and vans. We know that car seats help save lives and reduce injuries. We also know they are most effective when installed and used correctly. Here are some important tips for proper car-seat selection and installation:

- Select a car seat based on your child’s age and size, choose a seat that fits in your vehicle, and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer’s instructions; read the vehicle owner’s manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system and check height and weight limits.
- Keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible as long as the child fits within the manufacturer’s height and weight requirements.

During Child Passenger Safety Week we encourage all parents and caregivers to reach out and have a certified technician inspect the car seat and show correct installation and use to ensure that their children are getting the very best protection and are in the right seat for their ages and size. For more information or an appointment, call the Simsbury Police Department car seat line at (860) 658-3180.

Additional Information can be found at: www.nhtsa.gov or www.safekids.org.