Keep Child Passengers Safe!

Children ages 12 and younger should always be appropriately secured in the backseat in a car seat or booster seat, that is appropriate for their age, weight, or height.

Fact 1

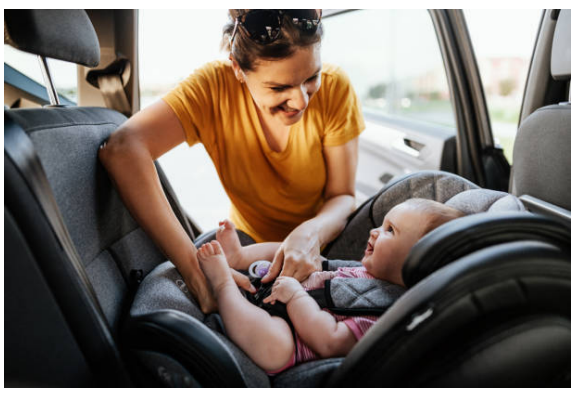
Tennessee child restraint laws require that all children ages 8 and younger be buckled in a car seat or booster seat.

Fact 2

Booster seat use can reduce the risk of serious injury by **45%** for children ages 4–8.

Fact 3

Restraint use among children often depends on the driver's seat belt use, with **67%** of fatally injured unrestrained children riding with unbelted drivers.



Fact 4

Of the US Children 12 and younger who died in a crash in 2019, **38%** were not properly restrained.

Restraint Use Among Young Children

- In 2019, more than 600 US children 12 and younger died in motor vehicle crashes, and more than 90,000 were injured.
- Car seat use reduces the risk for injury in crashes by **71%–82%** for children, when compared with seat belt use alone.

Be sure to buckle up the right way on every ride!

YOU CAN USE THIS TOOL TO FIND THE RIGHT CAR SEAT:
Child Passenger Safety | Tennessee Traffic Safety Resource Service (tntrafficsafety.org)
Sources: Fact 1: Child Restraint Law (tn.gov) | Facts 2, 3 & 4: Child Passenger Safety | CDC

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