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!