

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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HAVING THE CORRECT CAR SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT CAN BE A LIFESAVER!

Make sure your children are properly buckled in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt that is appropriate for their age, height, and weight.

REAR-FACING CAR SEAT

Children younger than the age of one, or any child, weighing twenty (20) pounds or less must be secured in a child passenger restraint system in a rear-facing position until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their car seat.



FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT

After outgrowing the rear-facing car seat, children age one through age three and weighing more than twenty (20) pounds must be secured in a child safety seat in a forward-facing position in the rear seat.

BOOSTER SEAT

Children ages 4-8, and measuring less than four feet, nine inches (4'9") in height, must be secured in a belt-positioning booster seat system.



SEAT BELT

Children ages 9-12, measuring four feet, nine inches (4'9") or more in height, must be secured in a seat belt system.

FIND THE CORRECT CAR SEAT FOR YOUR CHILD

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