

# CHILD SAFETY FOR ALL AGES

**Make sure your child is always buckled in a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt that is appropriate for their age and size.**



## REAR-FACING CAR SEAT

### Birth until age 2–4

Buckle children in a rear-facing car seat with a harness until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their car seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible. Never place a rear-facing car seat in the front seat. Front passenger air bags can injure or kill young children in a crash.



## FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT

### After outgrowing rear-facing car seat and until at least age 5

When children outgrow their rear-facing car seat, they should be buckled in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and a top tether in the back seat until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their car seat.



## BOOSTER SEAT

### After outgrowing forward-facing car seat and until seat belt fits properly

When children outgrow their forward-facing car seat, they should be buckled in a booster seat in the back seat until the seat belt fits properly without a booster seat. Proper seat belt fit usually occurs when children are age 9–12.



## SEAT BELT

### When seat belt fits properly without a booster seat

Children no longer need to use a booster seat when the seat belt fits them properly. A seat belt fits properly when the lap belt is across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt is across the center of the shoulder and chest (not across the neck or face, and not off the shoulder).

## Keep children properly buckled in the back seat until age 13.

\*Recommended age ranges for each seat type vary to account for differences in child growth and weight/height limits of car seats and booster seats. Use the car seat or booster seat manual to check for important information about installation, the seat weight and height limits, and proper seat use.

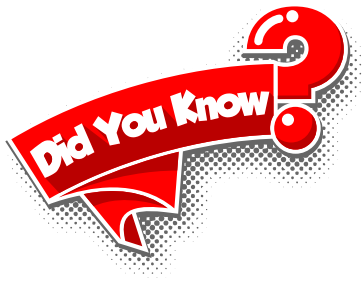
Child passenger safety recommendations: American Academy of Pediatrics 2018.

[www.cdc.gov/transportationsafety/child\\_passenger\\_safety](http://www.cdc.gov/transportationsafety/child_passenger_safety)



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*Schedule your car seat safety check by calling the Crawford County Health Department at 608-326-0229 or by emailing [PublicHealth@co.crawford.wi.gov](mailto:PublicHealth@co.crawford.wi.gov)*



Road injuries are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children in the United States.

When installed and used correctly, child safety seats decrease the risk of fatal injury by 71% among infants, 54% among toddlers, and 45% among children ages 4-8.

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT DURING A CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK?

#### Certified Technician will:

- ✔ Ensure your existing car seat is safe and properly installed.
- ✔ Provide recommendations on car seats that are best for your child.
- ✔ Answer questions about making the transition between car seats, booster seats and regular seat belts.

CAR SEATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Schedule your car seat safety check today!

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**CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CHECKS**