

Fast facts

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and serious injury for children age 1 to 15 years old
- 15% of children involved in car crashes are injured in some way
- Children who are NOT buckled up are 3 times more likely to suffer a significant injury in a crash than children who are buckled up
- Proper use of child safety seats reduces fatal injury by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers (1-4 years old) in passenger cars
- In Indiana, it is estimated that nearly 90% of all child safety seats are installed improperly!



Ride Safe!

If you have any questions or would like further information or assistance regarding your car seat, contact:

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Experts suggest
*that all children
should ride in the
back seat of passenger
vehicles until they
reach 13 years of age.*

Carmel Police Department



Child Safety Seat Inspection & Installation

Child safety seat installations are available each Wednesday morning and some Saturdays by appointment only.

Call 317-571-2500 or
317-571-2690 ext. 7728 (VM)

for an appointment



The Carmel Police Department will help educate members of the community regarding all aspects of child safety seats in vehicles by use of hands-on assistance and training to ultimately reduce the number of injuries and/or fatalities related to traffic collisions. A certified child passenger safety technician will conduct inspections and instruct parents on the proper use and installation of their child's safety seat as well as the laws pertaining to the ultimate safety of their children as passengers in a vehicle. Appointments can be made with the Carmel Police Department

Child Restraints

Rear-facing Seats

- Newborns and infants up to 20-35 pounds
- Babies must ride rear facing until one year of age AND 20 pounds
- Seat can NEVER be forward facing



Forward-facing Seats

- Children over one year of age AND between 20 and 40 pounds
- Face forward only
- Most can be converted to a belt positioning booster after the child reaches 40 pounds



Booster Seats

- For children between 40 and 80 pounds
- Must be used with lap and shoulder belts
- Lap belt fits low and tight across the hips
- Shoulder belt crosses the collar bone and center of chest



Seat Belt

- Age 8 or older or over 80 pounds
- Must be in the back seat unless exempt
- NHTSA recommends all children 12 and under should be in the backseat

According To Indiana's Child Restraint Law...

Children under 8 years old must be buckled up in child restraints that meet or exceed federal safety standards (look for the label on the seat) when riding in a motor vehicle. Children ages 8 to 16 must either be in a child restraint or a safety belt. This applies to all vehicles including trucks and SUV's. This law also applies to all seating positions

Keeping Children safe is an investment in their lives and in the future of our world.

With Education, resources and better laws to protect our children, we can make a difference.

