

R_x for Injury Prevention

Protect Your Kids in the Car

The safest place for any child 13 years old and under is in the back seat.

Every child should be buckled in a child safety seat, a booster seat, or with a lap/shoulder belt, if it fits.

Riding with Babies

R_x Babies should ride in rear-facing child seats until they are at least 20 pounds AND at least one year of age. The child seat must be in the BACK seat and face the REAR of the car.

R_x Babies riding in a car must NEVER face the front. In a crash or sudden stop, the baby's neck can be hurt badly.

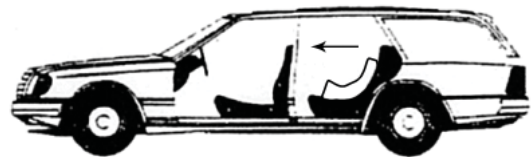
R_x Babies in car seats must NEVER ride in the front seat of a car with Air Bags. In a crash, the Air Bag can hit the car seat and hurt or kill the baby.



R_x Never hold your baby in your lap when you are riding in the car. In a crash or sudden stop, your child can be hurt badly or killed.

Riding with Young Kids

R_x Kids over 20 pounds and one year of age can ride in a car seat that faces the front of the vehicle.



R_x It is best to keep kids in the forward facing car seat for as long as they fit comfortably in it. (Remember to check the car seat manual for guidelines.)

R_x In Tennessee, kids from four to eight years of age AND less than 4'9" tall MUST ride in a booster seat. While seating in the booster seat, the lap belt must fit low and snug on a child's hips and the shoulder belt must not cross the child's face or neck.

R_x While in the booster seat or vehicle seat belt system, never put the shoulder belt behind a child's back or under a child's arm.

Remember

R_x All kids are safest in the back seat while riding in an age appropriate safety seat or vehicle seat belt system.

R_x Always read the child seat instructions and the car owner's manual. Test the child seat to ensure a snug fit by pulling the base to either side or toward the front of the car.

R_x For additional information, please visit www.tntrafficsafety.org and click on the Child Passenger Safety button.

