

Simple steps for Air Bag Safety

Air Bags save lives, but they work best when drivers and passengers are properly secured by lap and shoulder belts, and sitting as far back as possible. When restrained correctly few lives have been lost to air bag deployment. Those who did lose their lives were not wearing their seat belts.



Air bags must come out fast to create the instant buffer that, with safety belts, helps save more lives & prevent serious head & chest injuries.

Given the lifesaving combination of air bags and safety belts, you should think very carefully before giving up the protection of an air bag in the car you drive. Follow the simple steps on the back to help increase the life-saving capabilities of air bags.



Safety Points

Always wear safety belts properly - using **BOTH** lap and shoulder belts if applicable.

For pregnant women, place the lap portion of the safety belt under the abdomen as low as possible on the hips & across the upper thighs.

Sit as far away from the steering wheel as is practical. Try to maintain 10-12 inches from the steering wheel hub to the chest.

Children age 13 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat in child safety seats or safety belts appropriate for their age and size.

Infants should **NEVER** ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag.



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