

Did you know?

Motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States.

In the United States, 723 children ages 12 years and younger died as occupants in motor vehicle crashes during 2016.

Of the children ages 12 years and younger who died in a crash in 2016 (for which restraint use was known), 35% were not buckled up.

Among children 4 and younger, an estimated 328 lives were saved in 2016 by restraint use.

**All information provided by the
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

Get your car seat inspected today!

The Newton Police Department has CPS Technicians available to inspect your car seat to make sure it is installed correctly. Inspections are done by appointment only.

This is a **FREE** service!

Call or e-mail us and schedule a car seat inspection! A CPS Technician will contact you as soon as they receive your request.



Newton Police Department

Car Seat Safety



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Which Car Seat Is Right For My Child?



Rear Facing Car Seat Birth to 12 Months

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats. Infant-only car seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and all-in-one car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

Rear Facing Car Seat 1 to 3 Years

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.



Forward Facing Car Seat 1 to 3 Years

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Forward Facing Car Seat 4 to 7 Years

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.



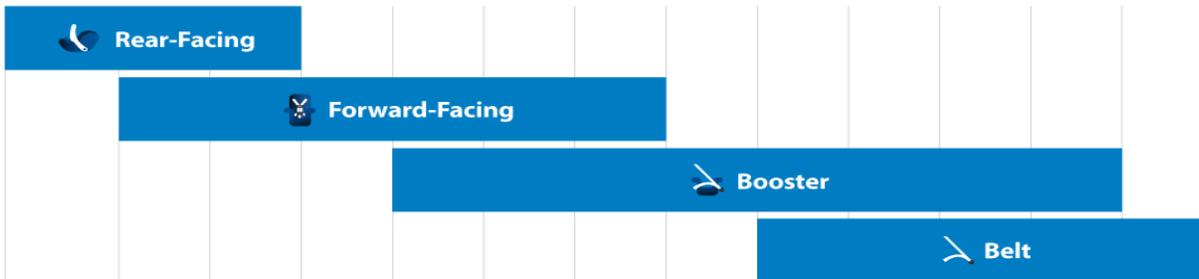
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Booster Seat 8 to 12 Years

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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Seat Belt 8 to 12 Years

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