

CAR SAFETY

As your children's role model, it is your responsibility to set a good example for safe driving and to safeguard your children when they are in your car.

- Wear your seat belt properly on every trip in the car. The lap/shoulder belt is your best protection in case of a crash. Do not put the seat belt behind your back or under your arm.
- Teach older children to wear their lap/shoulder belts correctly for their maximum protection.
- On every trip, no matter how short, make sure that children ride buckled up.
- Infants and children under 40 pounds should be fastened in a properly installed car safety seat. Older children should ride in booster seats until the lap and shoulder belts fit correctly, usually at about 80 pounds or 4 feet 9 inches tall.
- NEVER put an infant in the front seat of a car with a passenger air bag.
- Car safety seats should be installed in the back seat of the car, the safest place to ride.
- Children should use car safety seats or booster seats as long as possible.
- No one should ride in the "way back", the cargo area of a station wagon or in the back of a pick-up truck.
- People thrown from vehicles are 25 times more likely to die. Proper use of car safety seats, booster seats, seat belts and locked doors help prevent this risk, even in the absence of a crash.
- Drive safely at all times as a good example for your children.