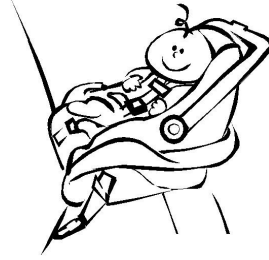


Child Safety Seats



When it comes to child safety seats, one size does not fit all!

The objective of the three public safety dispatchers and one police officer trained in child seat installation is to educate parents and caregivers how to properly install and use child safety seats.

As your child grows, their safety needs change.

FROM INFANCY TO 2 YEARS OF AGE: Keep the child in the back seat and in rear-facing child seats for as long as possible or up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. (per NHTSA 3/2011)

FROM 2 YEARS OLD TO 4 YEARS OLD: They should ride in rear-facing child seats, in the back seat, as long as possible, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular car seat. Once the child outgrows the rear facing seat, the child is ready to travel in a forward facing seat with a harness.

FROM 4 YEARS OLD TO 7 YEARS OLD: If they have outgrown the forward facing seat with harness, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts properly fit. All children under the age of 8 are required by law to be in booster or child safety seats. It is *highly recommended* all children under the height of 4'9" use a booster or child safety seat.

FROM 8 YEARS OLD AND OLDER: These children can now use the adult seat belt in the back seat if it properly fits; the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest. An ill-fitting seat belt can be a danger to your child. If you are unsure, please ask one of the technicians.

Our technicians are trained and then recertified every two years. If, while examining your current child safety/booster seat, it is found to be improper for your child, a proper seat will be provided at no charge. Donations are accepted, but are NOT required.

REMEMBER: Anyone is eligible for this program – parents/grandparents/caregivers – just by making an appointment at 384-0137. All seats are checked. Local *Safe Kid* events for safety seat checks are posted on the safekids.org website.