

Infant & Child Car Seat Safety

Glove-Box Guide

Car seat safety checks are held at the Health Department, throughout the week with a scheduled appointment. Advertised safety checks will be conducted throughout the year. **If you have any questions, or would like to make an appointment, call (217) 253-4137.**

Rear Facing Car Seats

Keep child rear facing until 24 months. Harness straps should be **BELOW** the shoulders. Harness should be snug and tight. You should be unable to pinch any strap more than 1 inch. **NO** heavy winter coats. Retainer Clip should always be centered on chest level with armpits. Use your seat's leveling indicator to determine proper angle.



Forward Facing Car Seats

Harness Straps should be **ABOVE** the shoulders. Retainer Clip should always be centered on the chest & level with armpits. Harness straps should be snug and tight. You should be unable to pinch any strap more than 1 inch. Seat should be in the upright position. Harness straps are safe to use to 40 lbs. 4 yrs unless otherwise indicated on your seat. **NO** heavy coats.



Booster Seats

Harness straps should be snug and tight, and unable to pinch >1 inch. Harness system should be used until child is 40 lbs and 4 yrs old unless otherwise indicated by your child's seat manufacturer. **NEVER** use lap only seat belts with a booster seat. To protect all passengers in the vehicle, remember to buckle booster seats, even if there's no child sitting in it.



Car Seats should move less than 1 inch once installed.

Seat belt should be in locked mode.

Did you know 4 out of every 5 car seats are installed wrong!
We are dedicated to improving the health and safety of all area residents, both big and small. Call us anytime! 217-253-4137

