

Car Seat Safety

Texas Car Seat Law

"Texas law requires that all children younger than eight years old, unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches, be secured in a child safety seat whenever they ride in a vehicle. Older children who have outgrown a booster seat must be buckled with a seat belt. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250."

(Texas Department of Transportation)

Did You Know?

Motor vehicle accidents cause more deaths of children than anything else. Even when children are buckled in, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that 46% of car seats are not used correctly. Child car seats are about 2/3rd's effective in keeping your child safe in the case of a crash!



Infants and Toddlers rear-facing seats

Children should stay in a rear-facing car seat until they have reached the maximum height or weight that is allowed for that seat! This number can change with different brands, so be sure to check on the one you have. If you were to get in a car crash, the rear-facing seat will hold your baby's neck, head, and torso, which aren't strong enough on their own!

Toddlers and Preschoolers forward-facing seats

Once a child has grown out of the rear-facing seat, they should be in a front-facing seat with a full harness for as long as possible depending on the maximum weight given by the car seat brand. The harness on front-facing car seats allows the force of a crash to be evenly distributed so the child is less likely to get a big injury.



Texas Agrilife

The Passenger Safety Program through Texas AgriLife offers free car seats and meetings with certified car seat technicians to help you fit the car seat to your child and make sure the car seat is being put in the car correctly.

Call TODAY 979-862-4658 to talk to someone about taking advantage of this program!

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