

Safety Spotlight

Protecting Precious Cargo

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Did you know car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 - 13 years old? Many deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts. Safety experts are working hard to ensure that cars and car seats are designed to keep kids as safe as possible. However, it is up to every parent to take full advantage of the innovations by making sure car seats and booster seats are used and installed correctly. Below are several tips to help protect your precious cargo. If you need assistance with your car seat or have a question, please contact us.

Did You Know?

Road injuries are the leading cause of unintentional death to children in the United States.

Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71%.

Southlake PD & FD have Certified Safety Technicians to assist you with installation of your car seat.

Children should not ride in the front seat until they are at least 13 years of age.

Ages & Stages

Birth - 12 months

Under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. A convertible seat will convert from rear-facing to forward facing.



1 - 3 years

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe.



4 - 7 years

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer.



8 - 12 years

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she can properly fit in seat belt.



Most Common Mistakes

- * Child is forward faced too early
- * Child is in a seat belt booster too soon
- * Seat installed is not tight enough
- * Harness straps are too loose
- * Infant seat angled incorrectly
- * Harness straps are in the wrong slot
- * Harness retainer clip is too low
- * Safety belt is not in lock mode

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