Child Passenger Safety
How can YOU make a difference?

Yale Pediatric Workshop
Current statistics

- Risk of death is reduced by as much as 71% when a child restraint is used properly.

- Nationally 73% of car seats are either improperly installed or have misuse, across all social classes, ethnicities, and cultures.

AAP Technical Report 2011
https://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/car-seat
Types of seats

- Infant (Rear Facing Only)
- Convertible
- Combination
- Booster
Infant seat

- AKA “Baby Bucket”
- Rear facing only
- Used for:
  - Up to 35lbs
  - Up to 32 inches
  - Rear-facing only
  - Easily clicks in and out of a base that is installed in the vehicle
  - Many strollers accommodate these “Buckets”
Convertible seat

- Starts out rear-facing
- Converts to forward-facing
- Used for:
  - Birth – 65lbs+
  - 50 inches+
Combination seat

- Forward facing only
- 5 point harness seat that becomes a belt positioning booster
- Up to 110lbs+ as a booster
Booster seats

- For children OVER 5yrs AND 40lbs
- Recommend using until 10-12yrs of age

5 Step Test:
1) Back against seat
2) Knees bend at edge of seat
3) Lap belt on top of thighs not the belly
4) Shoulder belt between neck and shoulder
5) Sits properly, no slouching, no playing with seat belt for the entire ride
Best practices

- Chest clip should always be at armpit level
Best practices

- Pinch test

![The Pinch Test](image)

Too loose  Just right
Best practices

- If it didn’t come in the box with the seat don’t use it!
Best practices

- NO BULKY COATS
CT car seat law effective October, 1, 2017

- Rear facing required to MINIMUM of 2yrs / 30lbs
- 5 point harness required until MINIMUM of 5yrs / 40lbs
- Child restraint required until a MINIMUM of 8yrs AND 60lbs
What do you see?
Is Your Child Safe in the Car?

73% of car seats are misused or improperly installed.* Is yours one of them?
Schedule an appointment with one of our certified technicians and learn how to properly secure your child in his or her car seat and install the car seat correctly in the vehicle.

To make an appointment at either Bridgeport Hospital or Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital, call 203-200-KIDS.


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