CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Georgia Chapter

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Why We CARE

Children killed and 380+ children injured EVERY DAY in traffic crashes (nationally in 2020).

65%

Of children who were riding with unrestrained vehicle drivers were also unrestrained.

Of child deaths from traffic crashes were from

alcohol-impaired driving (in 2020). That's how much car seats reduce fatal

injuries among infants. Reduced by 54% among children ages 1 to 4 in passenger cars.

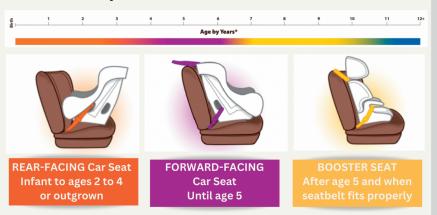


Black and Hispanic children have higher proportions of unrestrained child deaths compared with White children.

How to PLAY IT SAFE

Ask parents which restraint they are using.

- Is it appropriate for the child's age?
- Is it **properly positioned** in the vehicle?
- Are they ALWAYS buckled in?





SEATBELT When it fits properly without a booster seat



[Car seat images courtesy of CDC.gov]

SCREEN for appropriate car seat use:

Discuss the right installation technique for age and weight.

Connect family with car seat resources and/or inspection sites.

COUNSEL parents and teens on the: Importance of self-restraint and child restraint. **Impact of alcohol** on driving and deaths.

REMIND all parents and caregivers:

Georgia law requires all children under age 8 to be properly restrained in an appropriate child passenger safety seat or booster seat.

They should not rely on a used car seat or reuse one after a car crash.



Give them the Toolkit sheet for Parents and Caregivers—and point out the sections on How to Play It Safe and Using the Correct Car Seat.

PLAY IT SAFE

with poison prevention, safe sleep, firearms, teen driving, and more with the Georgia AAP Toolkit gaaap.org/new-play-it-safe-injury/.

