

Child Passenger Safety

1. What is child passenger safety?

Child passenger safety is making sure your child is restrained in a safe way while riding in a car. That means being buckled up with a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt that is set up correctly, and is right for your child's size and age. For each child under age 16 who is not secured correctly, parents (if in the car) or drivers can be fined more than \$475 and get a point on their driving record.

2. What are the child safety seat recommendations?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends these seats for different ages:

| Age | Seat Type and Place |
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| Birth to 12 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rear-facing car seat, in back seat |
| 1 to 3 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rear-facing car seat, until max weight or height limit is reached, in back seat Forward-facing seat with harness, in back seat |
| 4 to 7 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward facing car seat with harness until height reached or weight limit by your car seat's manufacturer Booster seat, in back seat. |
| 8 to 12 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booster seat, in back seat Seat belt, with lap belt fitting snugly across thighs (not across stomach) |

3. How can I make sure my child safety seat is setup the right way?

It is important to make sure your car or booster seat fits your child correctly. There are experts who can help! Visit <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Pages/CPSinCalifornia-VOSP.aspx> and click on "Car Seat Information" to find a car seat fitting station near you.



Key Points:

- Everyone in the car must be buckled up.
- Infants aged birth to 12 months must be in a rear-facing car seat, in the back seat.
- Children under 8 years of age must be correctly buckled into a car seat or booster in the back seat.
- All passengers (ages 13 and older) must wear a lap and shoulder belt when riding in the front seat.

For more information:

Los Angeles County
Department of Public Health
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/IVPP

California Department of
Public Health
<http://tinyurl.com/cdcp-cpsincaifornia>

Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/child_passenger_safety/index.html

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