



"Location is the Key"

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

They offer protection *only* when used correctly

Child safety seats have been found to reduce fatal injury by 69 percent for infants (less than 1 year of age) and by 47 percent for toddlers (1-4 years of age).

According to the Virginia Department of Health...

- From birth until the age of 12 months (approximately 20 pounds), infants should be in a rear-facing infant or convertible child safety seat.
- Children 1 to 4 years of age (approximately 20 to 40 pounds) are safest in a forward-facing child safety seat.
- Children between 4 and 8 years of age (approximately 40 to 80 pounds) are safest when in booster seats with a safety belt.

FOR CONSUMERS

- Only buy a child safety seat with a certification label that shows it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 213.
- Ask the local hospital, health department, police department, or social service agency about a discount, loaner, or giveaway program for child safety seats.
- Never use a child safety seat that has been involved in a crash. Even if it looks intact, it may be structurally damaged.
- Attend a safety seat examination session to be sure that your safety seat is properly installed; check with the local police department to learn if a session is scheduled.
- Call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline (1-800-424-9393) to see if any recalls or safety notices have been issued on your child safety seat.

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