



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Why We CARE

3 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.**

1 in 5 Of child deaths from traffic crashes were from **alcohol-impaired driving** (in 2020).

↓ 71% That's how much **car seats reduce fatal injuries** among infants. Reduced by **54%** among children ages **1 to 4** in passenger cars.



DID YOU KNOW?

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**?



REAR-FACING Car Seat
Infant to ages 2 to 4 or outgrown



FORWARD-FACING Car Seat
Until age 5



BOOSTER SEAT
After age 5 and when seatbelt fits properly



SEATBELT
When it fits properly without a booster seat



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.

[Car seat images courtesy of CDC.gov]



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/.

