



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Why We CARE

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

#1 In Georgia, **automobile accidents are the leading cause of death and injuries for children** ages 1 to 12.

For children under 12, **car seat use reduces risk of injury in a crash by 70-80%** ↓

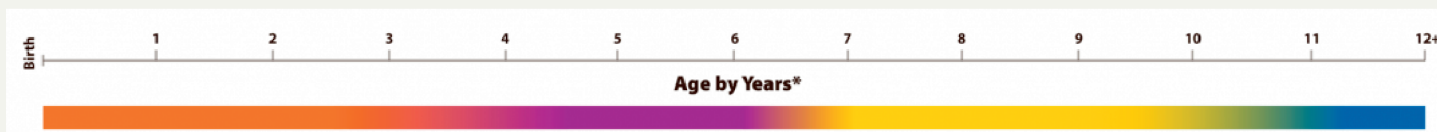
For older children, **seat belt use reduces risk of death and serious injury by 54%** ↓



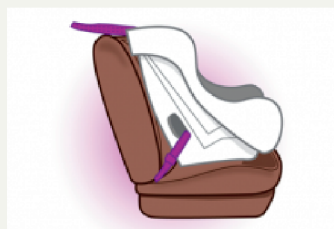
How to PLAY IT SAFE

Use this guide for the most appropriate car seat or booster. Ask:

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



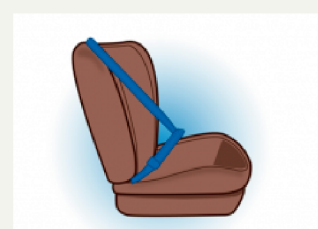
REAR-FACING Car Seat
Infant until ages 2 to 4 or outgrown



FORWARD-FACING Car Seat
Until age 5



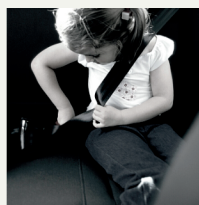
BOOSTER SEAT
After age 5 and when seatbelt fits properly



SEATBELT
When it fits properly without a booster seat

DID YOU KNOW?

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



REMEMBER:
Do **NOT** rely on a used car seat or reuse one after a car crash.

[Car seat images courtesy of CDC.gov]

WHEN TO SEEK HELP

If you are in a car crash and concerned about injury, call **911** immediately.

If you need assistance installing a car seat, visit the **Georgia Office of Highway Safety website** to find a fitting station near you gahighwaysafety.org/child-safety-seat-fitting-locations/.

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/.

