

## Tips for grandparents

Today's vehicles and car seats have enhanced technology to better protect in a crash than ever before. The best action you can take as a grandparent is to learn about child passenger safety and use the correct car seat or booster seat for your grandchildren.

### Keep grandchildren safe in the car

- Learn and select the car seat or booster seat that best fits your grandchild based on their age, weight and height.
- Children in car seats or booster seats need to be in the back seat.
- There is not one "best" car seat. All must pass the same strict crash tests.
- Choose a seat that is easy for you to install and use correctly.
- Used car seats could have hidden safety problems, so they are not recommended.
- Check for recalls on car and booster seats.
- Do not use car and booster seats that are past their expiration date.
- Buckle all children younger than 13 years old in the back seat.



### Teach grandchildren to ride safely

- Make sure everyone in the vehicle is buckled. Be a good role model, and buckle your seat belt every time you ride.
- If your grandchild tries to wiggle out of the car seat, stop the car in a safe place and check the harness straps.
- Tell your grandchild that the vehicle will not move until he or she stays buckled.
- Bring along toys, books or music to keep kids busy during the ride.

### Car seat installation

- Always read and follow the car seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual carefully when installing and adjusting a car seat.
- Call the car seat or booster seat manufacturer if you are not sure or have questions about the seat.
- Go to a local car seat installation site or seat-check event if you have problems or questions.

### Resources

#### Car seat resources and information:

[chw.org/carseats](http://chw.org/carseats)

#### Car seat installation and check events:

[safekidswi.org/events](http://safekidswi.org/events)

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Proper fit is the key to safety.

