

Seat Belts & Child Restraints

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Seat Belts

- ◆ Drivers and front seat passengers must wear seat belts.
- ◆ All persons under the age of 18 must wear a seat belt or be in a child safety seat no matter where they are riding in a motor vehicle.



Seat Belts:

- Keep you from being thrown from the vehicle
- Keep you from being thrown against others inside the vehicle
 - Keep the driver behind the wheel and in control of the vehicle



Child Restraints

- ◆ It is recommended that children age 12 and younger not be allowed to sit in the front passenger seat, particularly when there is an active airbag. Children under 8 should ride in a booster seat.
- ◆ All children age 3 and younger must sit in either a crash tested federally approved child restraint device or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat.
- ◆ Children ages 4 and 5 must be placed in either a separate carrier, an integrated child seat or a seat belt.
- ◆ Infants should ride in a child safety seat and in the rear facing position until they are one year old AND weigh at least 30 pounds.
- ◆ It is dangerous to place infants in a rear facing child safety seat in front of an active airbag.



Remember

- ◆ The back seat is safer than the front seat.
- ◆ Use a combination lap/shoulder seat belt.
- ◆ Don't tuck a shoulder belt under the arm.
- ◆ Don't put a shoulder belt behind a child's back.
- ◆ Don't strap two children into one belt.
- ◆ Don't let anyone ride with the seat back reclined.