

What is the best child seat?

- ✔ One that fits your child.
- ✔ One that fits your car.
- ✔ One that you will use correctly every time!

Never buckle your children in their seats with heavy coats or sweaters!

How do you position the harness straps?

For a rear-facing infant the harness straps need to come from at or below the child's shoulders.

For forward facing children the harness straps need to come from at or above the shoulders.



The retainer clip should be across the child's upper chest, regardless of which direction the child is facing, even with the armpits.



Does my child need to be in a booster?

It is recommended that all children ride in the backseat and in a booster seat until they weigh 80 lbs. Most car seat belts are designed for adults and the booster seat allows the belt to be properly positioned on the child. In order to fit properly into an adult belt the child should be able to sit at the back of the seat, have their knees break naturally at the edge of the seat and have their feet touch the floor.

In 2005 Officers in Plano checked over 900 seats and of those seats less than 1% were found to be properly installed. Having your seat checked by a Certified Child Safety Seat Technician is an easy way to insure the safety of your child each and every time that they ride in the car.

Always remember children learn by example so parents need to buckle up also. It only takes that one little lapse in attention and your life can be changed.....in the blink of an eye.

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THE LAW:

All occupants now must be properly secured in a safety belt or child safety seat that is properly utilized, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. Children under 8 years old or unless the child is taller than 4 ft. 9 in. must be in a child passenger safety seat system according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system.

Check your seat for tightness daily!

The Mission of the Plano Police Department is simply.....

TO SAVE LIVES!

**Every Day, an
Unrestrained Child
Under Age Five
is Killed in a
Traffic Crash in
this Country.**



**Using the Appropriate
Child Safety Seat is the
Most Effective Way to
Protect a Child.**



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A photograph of a young child with dark hair sitting in a car seat. The child is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The car seat's harness and buckles are visible. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting the interior of a vehicle.

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Safety
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