Older Children

Eight-years-old or older

- Should always wear a safety belt in a car.
- Should always wear both lap belt and shoulder belt.
- Should not ever put the shoulder belt behind his or her back, or under his or her arm.

Seat Belts

Did you know?

- Motor vehicle crashes are one of the single greatest killers of Americans, including children. While you can't always prevent all crashes, your decision to use the correct safety restraint can save lives and injuries.
- Arkansas law states that children up to 6 years of age or 60 pounds must be properly restrained in a child safety seat; however, the safest practice is that children remain in a belt-positioning booster seat until 8-years-old (unless they are 4'9" tall).
- The back seat is always the safest place for your child to ride.
- Your child should never ride in a vehicle without the correct child safety seat. Many children are killed or injured in car crashes, even when going short distances.
- Be a good role model! Buckle yourself up after you see that your children are properly restrained.
- Read the owner's manual of your vehicle and the child safety seat before installing.

For more information, go to:
http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov
or contact your local police department.

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Car Seat Safety

4 out of 5 car seats are used incorrectly.

Is your child's one of them?

Infants

Until at least one year and under 20 pounds

- Infants should *always* face the BACK of the car in a car seat.
- Position the seat at about a 45° angle.
- Harness straps should be snug and straight. Chest clip should be at armpit level.
- Never use car seats in the front seat where an air bag is present.

Rear-facing Car Seats

Toddlers

Until around four-years-old and 40 pounds

- Car seats should have harness straps that are snug, coming from slots that are at or above shoulder level.
- Straps should not have room for more than one finger to fit between the strap and the child's collarbone.
- The chest clip should be positioned at armpit level.

Forward-facing Car Seats

Younger Children

Until eight-years-old unless they are 4' 9" tall

- Children should only be secured with a lap belt AND a shoulder belt.
- The safety belt should be adjusted snugly across the child's body.
- Never put the shoulder strap behind their back or under their arms.

Booster Seats