A Sea of Safety:
Kids and Cars

Cars present many dangers to children.

- Teach children not to play in or around cars.
- Never leave your car keys where children can get them.
- Make sure all children leave the car when you reach your destination.
- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle, even with the windows slightly open.
- Call 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car.

General Guidelines

- All children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat away from air bags.
- It is safest for infants and toddlers to ride in a rear-facing car seat.
- When children outgrow a rear-facing car seat they should ride in a forward-facing car seat.
- When children outgrow a forward-facing car seat they should ride in a booster seat.
- When children outgrow a booster seat they should use an adult seat belt in the back seat. Lap belt should lay across the upper thighs and shoulder belt should be across the chest.

Keep children in a car seat or booster seat until they reach the height OR weight limit of the car seat.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. www.nhtsa.gov