

# 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](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

