

*Georgia
Child Passenger Safety
(Code 40-8-76)*



Effective July 1, 2011

Children under age 8 must be properly secured in an approved car seat or booster seat while riding in passenger automobiles, vans and pickup trucks.

CAR & BOOSTER SEATS MUST

- Be in the rear seat.
- Be appropriate for child's weight & height.
- Meet U.S. Federal standards.
- Be installed according to manufacturer's instructions.



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Online Resources:

www.nhtsa.gov
www.gahighwaysafety.org
www.homesafetycouncil.org
www.ridesafegeorgia.org
www.seatcheck.org

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POLICE**



*Is Your
Child's Safety
Seat
Installed
Correctly?*

Having Problems Installing your Child Safety Seat?

Have you read the child safety seat manual but are still confused about how to install it correctly and safely?

The Dunwoody Police Department can help you install your child safety seat.

Contact the Dunwoody Police Department at **678.382.6918** or email: carseatcheck@dunwoodyga.gov to set up a personal appointment and we will help you safely and correctly install your child safety seat.

In addition, the Dunwoody Police Department will offer free Child Safety Seat Checks to the public several times throughout the year.

Please check our website under “Resources” at: www.dunwoodypolice.com for Child Safety Seat Check event dates and locations.

Please bring:

- **Child safety seat.**
- **Child (if possible).**
- **Child safety seat manual.**
- **Vehicle in which child safety seat will be installed.**
- **Vehicle manual.**

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- Is the seat belt routed through the correct path of the child safety seat?
- Are you using the LATCH system in your vehicle? Are you using it correctly?
- Is the retainer clip at your child’s armpits?
- Is the crotch strap at its shortest position?
- Are the harness straps in proper slots at or BELOW shoulder for rear facing and at or ABOVE shoulder for forward facing?
- Do you know the history of your child safety seat?
- Are there toys or a mirror near your child?
- Is your child in the correct child safety seat for his/her height, weight and age?

INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

Never use seatbelt and LATCH together

All children **under the age of 13** should ride in the back seat.

Child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers, ages 1-4.
~ seatcheck.org

“While 96 percent of parents and caregivers believe their child safety seats are installed correctly, research shows that 7 out of 10 children are improperly restrained.” ~ seatcheck.org

“An estimated 8,959 lives were saved by child restraints from 1975 to 2008” ~ NHTSA

“Motor Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children from 3 to 14 years old”
~ NHTSA

Don’t know which child safety seat to choose for your child?

ALWAYS READ LABELS

Infant Seat

Birth to 22-35 lbs

Rear Facing only

- **NEVER** in front of active airbag.
- Harness straps **SNUG**.
- Use harness straps at or below shoulder
- Retainer clip at armpit level.
- Make sure seat is at proper level



Convertible Seat

Rear Facing 4-40 lbs

Forward facing 20-65 lbs

Rear Facing or Forward Facing

- Use harness straps at or below shoulders rear facing
- Use harness straps at or above shoulders forward facing
- Retainer clip at armpit level.



Combination Seat

From 20-120 lbs

Forward facing only

- Use harness straps at or above shoulders
- Mid-Point of back of head is not above top of seat shell.
- Back is reinforced at each set of slots.



Belt Positioning Booster Seat

From 40-100 lbs

Forward facing only

- No harnesses.
- Use with vehicle lap/shoulder belt, **NEVER** lap belt only.
- Lap/Shoulder belt should lie across child's shoulder and chest not neck
- Lap/Shoulder belt should lie across top of child's thighs.

