



Child Passenger Safety Considerations For Organizations Transporting Children



These considerations are based on requests by local organizations seeking guidance about child passenger safety from Safe Kids Tarrant County, led by Cook Children's. We applaud your interest in transporting children safely.

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Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 14 years and under.

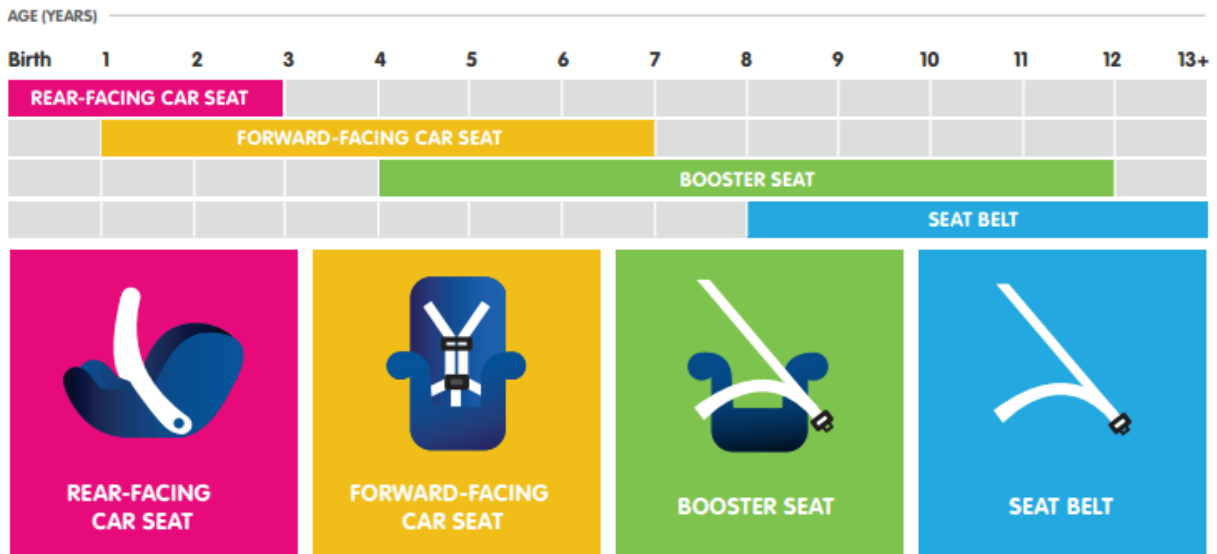
Whether a licensed or registered child care provider, non-profit organization or business servicing families, consider using this guide to support the safe transportation of children.

Texas Law: https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/seatbelt.htm

Children must ride in a safety seat, that fits by height and weight, until they are 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet, 9 inches (57") tall.

Ages and Stages of Correct Car Seat Use:

American Academy of Pediatrics Best Practice suggests children ride in each stage restraint as long as possible, per manufacturer’s instructions. See table below by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, July 2013

The role of Safe Kids Tarrant County (SKTC):

Our mission is to work together in a long-term, multifaceted effort to prevent accidental childhood injury. Our coalition’s child passenger safety program strives to provide education and resources for families, based on need.

Organizations are welcome to refer families to Safe Kids Tarrant County for assistance with learning how to adjust and install their child’s restraint into their vehicle and/or for assistance in acquiring a child restraint appropriate for their child, based on need and availability.

Safe Kids Tarrant County Car Seat Appointment Line: **682-885-2634**

Other resources for organizations that transport children:

Licensed and Registered Child Care Providers Transportation Requirements:

Texas law requires child care providers that offer a service of transporting children, follow the following processes. These principles shown in the provided link may also be helpful to organizations that are not child care providers but do transport children.

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/child_care/information_for_providers/transportation_requirements.asp

Institutional pricing available to organizations for purchase of car seats used by their organization:

- **The Evenflo Company, Inc.** works with child care providers and day care centers toward purchasing an inventory of seats at a discounted cost. There is a \$500 order minimum. If unable to meet the minimum, Evenflo will offer a referral to one of the daycare distributors that carry their products.
Institutional Sales Representative: Patsy Pilcher patsy@worldsafe.net : 800-768-6077
- **Mercury Distributing:** Institutional sales offered on a variety of child restraint manufacturers: Safety 1st, Evenflo, Chicco, Combi, Cosco, Diono and more. For more information and an order form, go to www.mercurydistributing.com.
- **Graco:** Offers institutional sales for Graco child restraints.
Graco representative: Gail Southwell at gail@msgsales.net – or learn more on the website: <http://www.gracobaby.com/wheretobuy/pages/buyercontactform.aspx>

Further inquiries about child passenger safety and/or Safe Kids Tarrant County resources may be emailed to safekids@cookchildrens.org.

Learn more about child passenger safety or other health and safety information
www.cookchildrens.org/safety

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