

Parent Feedback



"I am expecting my first child any minute now and the idea that I had yet to install a car seat properly crossed my mind and I started to panic.

The Safe Start staff not only showed me how to properly install my car seat, but they didn't want me to leave until I felt comfortable doing it myself. As I drove away I took a deep breath and realized how lucky I was to learn about the program when I did. I would encourage all parents to make the call as you will learn more safety tips that you realize." - C.B.



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SAFE START



Working to ensure that child safety seats are secured and used correctly.

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KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE AND ALIVE...BUCKLE THEM UP WHEN YOU DRIVE

What is Safe Start?

Safe Start is a family centered safety program designed to promote child passenger safety through driver education and public awareness campaigns.

Who are the Safe Start staff?

Our staff consists of trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

The Safe Start Program:

- Works with parents to promote effective and appropriate use of car seats, booster seats and seat belts to help prevent injuries to children and occupants of all ages.
- Operates fitting stations in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.
- Provides free education to community groups, families, schools and day cares about child passenger safety.



The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all infants and toddlers remain in rear-facing car seats until age 2, or until they outgrow the height and weight limits of the seat.



Follow These Safety Tips:

- Always read the child safety seat instructions and your vehicle owner's manual carefully before installing your child safety seat.
- Never place a rear-facing infant in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag.
- All children must be restrained in an appropriate child restraint system while riding in a motor vehicle until they reach their 8th birthday.
- An appropriate child restraint system is one that meets the child's size and weight as recommended by the manufacturer.
- The safety belt in your vehicle is not designed for children. A booster seat raises your child up so that the safety belt fits your child correctly and provides the proper protection.
- If you do not know the history of a used car seat, do not use the seat.
- Make sure you return the car seat registration card to the manufacturer.

New York State's 2009 "Child Restraint Law"

CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINTS ARE NOT AN OPTION, THEY ARE THE LAW!

Did You Know?

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 14 and under.
- Child safety seats for infants reduce the risk of fatal injury by 69% when used correctly.
- More than 80% of child safety seats are used improperly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline

1-888-DASH-2DOT

or

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