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# Child Auto Safety is as Simple as ABC

Always buckle children in the back seat.

Buckle up every child in the vehicle properly—and buckle up yourself too.

Whenever possible, put children in the back seat of the vehicle.

Always secure rear-facing infant seats in the back seat.\*

## The Back Seat is the Safest Seat for all Children

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children in the U.S. A study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concluded children are safer riding in the back seat.
- Air bags are lifesaving devices, but special precautions must be taken when driving children in air bag-equipped vehicles. Children risk injury if they are unbelted, improperly belted or otherwise too close to the dashboard when an air bag inflates. To play it safe, always buckle children in the back seat.
- If the vehicle does not have a back seat, move the front seat as far back as possible from the dashboard and make sure the child is buckled properly in the appropriate restraint for their height and weight.
- NEVER place rear-facing infant safety seats in the front seat of a vehicle with a front passenger-side air bag. The back of the safety seat in this position is too close to the inflating air bag, and the infant could be killed or seriously injured.
- Ohio law now requires children ages 4-15 to be restrained in either a child restraint system or a safety belt.

\*Infants weighing under 20 lbs., and/or younger than one year, must always ride in a rear-facing child safety seat.