

**YOU WANT ONLY THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

The best schools, the best care, the safest toys...

Be sure they have the best chance of survival in a vehicle accident

# BE SEAT SMART



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CITY OF WESTON

Placing children in age-appropriate car safety seats reduces serious and fatal injuries by more than half!



**THE CITY OF WESTON**, through our Police and Fire Departments, offers **FREE** car safety seat inspections and installations by State-certified safety seat technicians.

96.4% of all child safety seats are improperly installed. Motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of death among children today. Parents need to be vigilant that children are properly secured. Tens of thousands of children are injured each year while in improperly installed car seats.

Due to the variety of car safety seats, children's ages, and the different styles of vehicles, installing a car seat is best done by a certified safety seat technician.

## WESTON SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS

- Every Saturday from 10 am – 2 pm at the BSO Public Safety Building, 17300 Arvida Parkway **954-389-2010**
- By appointment: Call BSO Fire Rescue at **954-389-2015**

THE CITY OF WESTON and the Broward Sheriff's Office urge you to  
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Here are some basic safety rules:

- Safety seats must be age and weight-appropriate for the child.
- Always read the instructions before using your child restraint.

## INFANTS:

- Ride rear-facing and semi-reclined until age 1 and 20 pounds.
- NEVER place a rear-facing infant near an airbag.
- Place baby's harness through the slots at or below the shoulders.
- Tighten the harness to 1 finger-width of space at the collarbone.
- Place chest clip at armpit level.
- Lock the seat belt so the seat moves no more than 1 inch side to side.

## TODDLERS:

- Ride forward-facing and upright from age 1 to 40 pounds.
- Place the harness through the top slots (unless instructions state otherwise).
- Tighten the harness to 1 finger-width of space at the collarbone.
- Place chest clip at armpit level.
- Lock the seat belt so the seat moves no more than 1 inch side to side or front to back.

## CHILDREN:

- Use a belt positioning booster seat from 40 to 80 pounds.
- Use the belt positioning booster seat with a lap/shoulder belt.

Use a car seat that meets Federal safety standards for all children until they can safely wear a seat belt – at about 80 pounds and 5 feet in height. If your child's car or booster seat has been in a crash DO NOT use it again. You must replace the seat.



# Four out of five safety seats are used incorrectly.

The top eight mistakes:

- #1 Seat too loose in the car
- #2 Harness too loose on the child
- #3 Infant turned face-forward too soon
- #4 Rear-facing infant seat not at a 45 degree angle
- #5 Using the retainer clip incorrectly
- #6 Harness straps through wrong slots
- #7 Not using a booster seat
- #8 Using a seat that's been recalled

To avoid these mistakes and others, contact the Weston BSO Police or Fire Departments today to have your safety seat inspected.



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