

Child safety seat installations are done by appointment with priority given to City of Fontana Residents however, residency in the City is not a requirement.

The Fontana Police Department will educate members of the community regarding all aspects of child safety seats in vehicles by use of hands-on assistance and training to ultimately reduce the number of injuries and/or fatalities related to traffic collisions. A certified child passenger safety technician will conduct inspections and educate parents on the proper use and installation of their child's safety seat, as well as the laws pertaining to the ultimate safety of their children as passengers in a vehicle. Appointments can be made with the Fontana Police Department.

Quick Checklist for Visible Errors:

Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, then choose a seat that fits in your vehicle, and use it every time.

- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions (check height and weight limits) and read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or lower anchors and a tether, if available.

- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.

- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12

Appointments:

Child Passenger Safety Technicians :

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CHILD RESTRAINTS

Rear-Facing Seats:

- Newborns and infants up to 20-35 pounds
- Babies must ride rear-facing until 2 years of age
- Seat can never be forward facing



Convertible Seats:

- As a child grows, this seat can change from a rear-facing seat to a forward-facing seat with a harness and tether. Because it can be used with children of various sizes, it allows for children to stay in the rear-facing position longer.



- Some may also be designed to use as boosters.

Combination Seats:

- Face forward only
- Children over 2 years of age
- Most can be converted to belt positioning booster



Booster Seats:-

High Back: This type of booster seat is designed to boost the child's height so the seat belt fits properly. It also provides neck and head support and is ideal for vehicles that don't have head rests or high seat backs.

Backless : A backless booster seat is designed to boost the child's height so the seat belt fits properly. It does not provide head and neck support. It is ideal for vehicles that have head rests.



Seat Belt:

Should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain your child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck or face.

- Age 8 years old or 4'9" tall
- Must be in the back seat unless exempt



INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN

CVC 27360(a)- A parent, legal guardian, or driver who transports a **child under eight years of age on a highway in a motor vehicle shall properly secure that child in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.**

CVC 27360(b)- Children must ride rear-facing until they are 2 years old, unless child weighs at least 40 pounds or is at least 40 inches tall.

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CVC 27360.5(a)

Children at least 8 and under 16 must ride in a safety seat, booster or properly fitted vehicle belt. Cite parent/guardian. Cite driver if parent is not in the car.

These dangerous mistakes are easy to spot:

- * Child riding unrestrained or sharing belt
- * Child riding in front seat
- * Child under age 2 facing front of car
- * Rear-facing child in front of air bag
- * Harness loose or not on shoulders
- * Chest clip on tummy instead of chest
- * Safety seat not installed tightly
- * Shoulder belt under arm or behind back
- * Shoulder belt close to child's face (need's booster)

It is recommended a child should NOT ride in the front seat with an active passenger airbag if:

*child is under 13 years of age

CVC 27360(a)- Exceptions: Front seat permitted if safety seat cannot be properly installed in back or all rear seats are occupied by children 7 or under. **Rear -facing safety seats NEVER permitted in front with active passenger air bag.**

Occupant Violations

CVC 27315(d) (1)- Cite driver for self and all passengers 16 or older not properly secured in a safety belt.

CVC 27315(e) - Cite each passenger 16 or older not properly secured in a safety belt.

CVC 27315(f) - Cite registered owner if safety belts have been removed or are not working.

Unattended Child in a Motor Vehicle

CVC 15620- A person responsible for a **child age 6 or under** may not leave the child inside a vehicle without a person who is at least **12 years of age** if there are conditions that present a significant risk to the child's health or safety or engine is running and/or keys are in the ignition.

CVC 23116(a) - Cite driver for persons riding unrestrained

PICKUP LAW

in or on the back of a pickup truck or flatbed.

CVC 23116(b) - Cite persons riding unrestrained in or on the back of a pickup truck or flatbed.

(no exception for camper shell).



Questions?
909-356-7107

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"RIDE SAFE"



NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration) research shows nearly 60% of car seats are installed or adjusted incorrectly. Vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children between 1 and 13 years old.

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