

Air Bag Warning!

for Babies and Children

1. Teach children to ride buckled up in the back seat.



The back seat generally is the safest place to ride in any car. Drivers and passengers riding in the front seat can be seriously injured by the explosive force of air bags, even in minor collisions, if they are sitting too close to the front of the car, leaning forward, or not correctly buckled up.

If it is absolutely necessary for a child to ride in the front seat because all of the safety belts in the back seat are being used by other children, protect the child's head by keeping it as far as possible from the dashboard and the air bag. Buckle up the child snugly with a lap and shoulder belt or in a safety seat with its own shoulder harness and top tether strap, depending on the age and size of the child. If the vehicle seat is adjustable, slide it back as far as possible, but do not recline it.



2. Never put an infant in the front seat if the car has a passenger air bag.

In a crash, the air bag explodes from the dashboard with tremendous force, smashing through the safety seat into the back of the baby's head. The back seat is the only safe place for the baby to ride

3. Always buckle up infants facing the rear of the car.



Babies and toddlers should ride rear facing until they are at least two years old, preferably longer. It's 5 times safer than facing forward. A rear-facing safety seat supports the baby's head, protecting the neck and spine from injury in most crashes.

Side air bags are not dangerous for children in safety seats or boosters. However, passengers should not lean against the door.

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