

Car Seats and Safety

It is very important to keep your child safe while riding in a vehicle. State laws may vary. The Allegany County Health Department offers assistance with this. You may reach them by calling (301) 759-5123. Services range from providing low-cost seats to helping with the installation of the seat in your personal vehicle.

Maryland Child Passenger Safety Law: Every child under 8 years old must ride in a booster seat or other appropriate child safety seat, unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller, or weighs more than 65 pounds.

Babies are safest in the back seat, in their rear-facing car seat. Use a rear-facing car seat for your baby as long as possible, up to at least 18 months. Convertible car seats have a weight limit of 30 to 35 pounds.

Since manufacturers are constantly updating the types of seats available, below you will find several web sites that could be helpful to making the best choice for you and your baby.

www.nhtsa.dot.gov
www.carseat.org
www.saferidenews.com
www.mdkiss.org