

School Nurses:

Help keep your students safe in and out of school by placing this safety message in your PTA newsletter.

Crash testing, accident data, and Maryland Law all show that many children attending elementary school should still ride in a car seat or booster seat to stay safe in vehicles. Injuries to children wearing a seat belt designed for adults can be serious or even fatal. Children ages four to eight years who ride in booster seats are 45% less likely to be injured than children of the same age who use seat belts alone. Boosters help position the seat belt over the strongest parts of children's bodies to keep them safe in a crash.

To keep your family the safest, leave your child in a safety seat or booster until he/she reaches the maximum height or weight limit for their safety seat; for most kids that is age 8-12. Keep children riding in the back seat, and everyone on every ride should be buckled up.

For more information on child passenger safety, go to www.safercar.gov and click on "child safety." For local assistance with car seats, go to www.MDKISS.org.



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