

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

- 1) Each child must be in a car seat sized according to the child's height and weight.
- 2) Infants and children 13 years of age and under should travel in the back seat and be appropriately restrained.
- 3) Infants should ride facing the back of the car until they are at least one year of age and weigh 20 pounds.
- 4) Children over one year of age and 20 pounds may face forward.
- 5) Teach your child how to cross the street safely.
- 6) Cross at the corner unless there is some obstruction that exists.
- 7) Know what a running car looks like (back up lights, parking lights, turn signals.)
- 8) Before crossing look left, then right, then left.
- 9) [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) - The most up to date information on carseats.

Car Seat Safety:

Once you have the proper car seat, it is easy to make mistakes by not properly securing the seat or your child.

- Do the harness straps fit your child snugly and in the correct position?
- Is the chest harness clip in the right position?
- Is the seat belt securing the seat in the vehicle properly locked and fitted tightly?
- Is the seat belt securing the seat in the vehicle threaded through the seat correctly?
- Is the seat in the path of an airbag?
- Have you fully read and understood the usage instructions that came with your child's car seat?

