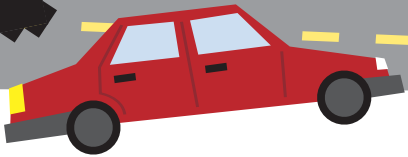


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A trip to the Zoo with
Grandma and Friends



Traveling Safely with the GrANdkids

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Dear Grandparents:

Nine out of 10 grandparents will care for their grandchildren sometime this year.

As grandparents, you are deeply committed to your grandchildren's future. You do your best to **share your wisdom**, show your love and protect your little ones from harm. Part of that protection is taking action to ensure they don't fall victim to this country's number one cause of childhood injuries and death: unintentional injury.

- **Bad News:** Each year, nearly 6,300 children ages 14 and under are killed and 120,000 are permanently disabled from "accidents."
- **Good News:** There's really no such thing as an accident – unintentional injuries are preventable!

You can help **influence your grandchildren** to have safe futures by including child safety practices in the time that you spend with them.

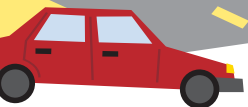
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Motor Vehicle Safety



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“My kids grew up without high-tech car seats, so

WHY DO MY GRANDKIDS NEED THEM?”

The fact is, car seats are proven lifesavers in today's aggressive driving environment. Whether you're driving on the interstate or just down the street, take the time to **save a life** and never let a child ride unrestrained.

hanging out at the zoo



Frequently Asked Questions

About Seat Belts:

Q What is Maryland's seat belt law?

A Since 1997, the Maryland law has allowed police officers to ticket drivers and/or adult front seat passengers for not wearing a seat belt even if no other violation is observed.

Q What are the Maryland Child Passenger Safety Law requirements?

A The law requires that all children younger than 16 must be buckled up and may not ride in the bed of a pickup truck. Children younger than six years old (regardless of their weight) or who weighs 40 pounds or less (regardless of their age), must be secured in a child safety seat.

Q Are there any points assessed for not wearing a seat belt in Maryland?

A There are no points assessed for non-compliance with Maryland's seat belt law, however there is a \$25 fine for each unbuckled adult and a \$48 fine for unbuckled children (under the age of 15).

Please remember...

- 1** Everyone in the vehicle **must be buckled up** at all times until the vehicle is safely parked.
- 2** **Never hold a child in your lap** while riding or driving.
- 3** Never put a child in the rear-facing position in the front seat where there is an air bag; children younger than age 13 are **safest in the back seat**.
- 4** **Remember:** Infants face backwards. Toddlers older than 1 year old (who have outgrown their rear-facing convertible seat) face forward.
- 5** Always follow the child safety **seat and vehicle instructions** for correct installation and use the car's seat belt or LATCH to tightly buckle the child safety seat to the car.
- 6** Studies show that when children are **correctly buckled up**, they are better behaved, feel more secure, fall asleep sooner, and are less likely to be injured.

Before Every Trip

- I will always buckle up my grandchildren in the back seat** – vehicle safety devices like air bags can be dangerous to children.
- I will use the right seat** – all children must graduate from infant seats, to convertible seats to booster seats before they are ready for a safety belt.
- I will install, use and follow car seat instructions correctly or ask for help.**
- I will buckle my own safety belts** – children copy what adults do.

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