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HOW CAN I FIND A SAFE BOOSTER SEAT FOR MY CHILD?

The [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](#) (IIHS) recently released their 2015 ratings for new booster seat models. Twenty three models were released this year, and 20 of the booster seats received the highest rating of “BEST BET”. The other three booster seat models received the next-best rating of “GOOD BET”. [Click here to learn more and to view the list of rated booster seats.](#)

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Child Safety

When it comes to crashes, children are much safer than they used to be.

The rate of motor vehicle crash deaths per million children younger than 13 is less than a quarter of what it was in 1975. The rate at which children die as passenger vehicle occupants has decreased about 60 percent, while the rates at which they are killed as pedestrians and bicyclists are each about one-tenth of 1975 rates.

Proper restraint use can reduce crash deaths and injuries even more.

Appropriate child safety seats provide significantly more protection in a crash than safety belts alone.

Choose the right restraint for your child’s age and size, and always seat kids in the rear.

- All infants and toddlers should ride rear-facing until they are 2 years old or until they reach the height and weight limit of their child restraints.
- Once they outgrow rear-facing restraints, children should ride in a harness-equipped forward-facing child restraint for as long as possible, up to the height and weight limit of the child restraint. Top tethers should be used whenever a child restraint is installed forward-facing.
- When children outgrow child restraints, they should use belt-positioning booster seats until adult safety belts fit properly.

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