PROGRAM INFORMATION & FACTS

The Grundy County Child Passenger Safety Program's goal is to educate families about child passenger safety procedures. Grundy County Public Health has a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to guide you in your safety seat installation needs, as well as act as a liaison with questions or concerns about your child safely riding in your vehicle

FACTS

Car seat use reduces the risk for injury in a crash by 71-82% for children, when compared with seat belt use alone.

325 children under 5 saved by car seats in one year.

In 2015-19 child passenger death rates were highest in the most **rural** counties and lowest in the most urban counties.

RESOURCES:

- https://www.cdc.gov/transportationsafety/child_passenger_safety/cps-factsheet.html
- https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle-safety/car-seats-and-booster-seats

Contact Us!

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50638

https://www.grundycountyiowa.gov/departments/public-health-home-care

Grundy County Public Health

Our mission is to provide needed public health services to the residents of Grundy County, in order to prevent illness, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect against public threats.

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
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Child Passenger Safety Program



IOWA LAW & BEST PRACTICES

REAR FACING:

- **IOWA LAW**: Children MUST ride in an appropriate rear-facing safety seat until one year of age AND at least 20 pounds.
- **BEST PRACTICE:** Children should ride in an appropriate rear-facing child safety seat until the MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT of the seat is reached, according to the manufacturer information. This can be up to 40 pounds, depending on the seat.

FORWARD-FACING

- **IOWA LAW:** Children MUST ride in an child safety seat or booster seat through the age of 5. (Seats must be used in accordance with manufacturer's directions.)
- **BEST PRACTICE:** A child should be restrained in a 5-point harness system until the **MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT** for the seat is reached. This is usually 50-65 pounds, although some 5-point harness seats are now rated up to 80-90 pounds.

SAFETY SEAT BASICS

REAR-FACING



FORWARD-FACING



BOOSTER SEAT



SEAT BELT



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BOOSTER SEAT

- **IOWA LAW:** Children MUST ride in booster seat or seat belt between the ages of 6 and 11, regardless of their seating position in a vehicle.
- **BEST PRACTICE:** At maximum harness weight, a child should graduate into a booster seat. A child should ride in a booster seat until their knees bend over the end of the vehicle seat and their feet touch the floor while sitting all the way back.

SEAT BELT

- **IOWA LAW:** Rear seat occupants up to age 18 must be secured by a seat belt.
- **BEST PRACTICE:** Regardless of your age or seating position in the vehicle, buckle up every time!

****KEEP CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UNDER IN THE BACK SEAT. NEVER PLACE A REAR-FACING CAR SEAT IN FRONT OF AN ACTIVE AIR BAG.**