

PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY

CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHART

Physician's Name: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

	<input type="checkbox"/> INFANT (birth to age 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> TODDLER (age 1 to age 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> YOUNG CHILDREN (age 4 to age 8)
AGE & WEIGHT GUIDELINES	Birth to 1 year of age <i>AND</i> less than 20 pounds	1 year of age <i>AND</i> at least 20 pounds and up to 40 pounds	Less than 8 years of age <i>AND</i> at least 40 pounds, but less than 80 pounds <i>AND</i> less than 54 inches tall (4 ½ feet)
TYPE OF SEAT	INFANT CARRIER SEAT 5 to 22 pounds <i>OR</i> CONVERTIBLE REAR/FRONT-FACING SEAT IN REAR-FACING POSITION 5 to 30/35 pounds (Check seat for actual rear-facing weight limit.)	CONVERTIBLE REAR/FRONT-FACING SEAT Rear-facing between 5 and 30/35 pounds (Check seat weight limits.) Front-facing between 20 and 40 pounds <i>OR</i> FRONT-FACING ONLY TODDLER SEAT 40 pound weight limit with harness system	BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEAT Low-Back Booster Use when vehicle has head rest protection in the back seat. High-Back Booster Use when vehicle does not have back seat head rests.
POSITION	ALWAYS position your infant rear facing regardless of weight. Your infant <i>must</i> face the rear at least until he or she reaches the age of <i>1</i> <i>and is at least 20 pounds.</i>	Positioning depends on the weight of your toddler. If your one-year old is at least 20 pounds, you can face your toddler forward. However, your toddler is safest when facing the rear. It's a good idea to use a convertible seat to its rear-facing weight limit.	Position your child in a booster seat (forward-facing only). A booster seat can only be used in a vehicle with lap and shoulder belts in the rear seats.
HARNESS STRAPS	Harness straps must be at or below the shoulder level, and fit snugly. Harness clip <i>must</i> be at armpit level.	When front facing in a convertible seat, harness straps <i>must</i> be in the top slots. Harness clip <i>must</i> be at armpit level.	Use both lap and shoulder straps. The lap strap must fit low and tight across the lap and upper thigh area. The shoulder strap must fit snug across the chest and shoulder.

WARNING! – All children under the age of 12 should ride in the back of a car. Shoulder straps should NEVER be placed under the arm or behind the back when used by children or adults.

The **SAFEST** place in a vehicle for children is in the **BACK SEAT**.

NEVER place a rear-facing infant seat in the front seat of a vehicle with an airbag on the passenger side.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIANS

STATE POLICE	PHONE #
Chepachet	444-1000
Hope Valley	539-2411
Lincoln.....	444-1100
Portsmouth.....	846-8201
Scituate.....	444-1072
Wickford	294-3371

LOCAL POLICE.....	PHONE #
Barrington	437-3935
Bristol	253-6900
Burrillville.....	568-6255
Central Falls	727-7411
Charlestown	364-1212
Coventry.....	826-1100
Cranston	942-2211
Cumberland	333-2500
East Greenwich.....	884-2244
East Providence	435-7654
Foster.....	397-3317
Gloucester	568-2533
Hopkinton.....	377-7750
Jamestown	423-1212
Johnston	231-4210
Lincoln.....	333-1111
Little Compton	635-2311
Middletown.....	846-1105
Narragansett	789-1091

Newport	847-1302
North Kingstown	294-3316
North Providence	233-1433
North Smithfield	762-1212
Pawtucket	727-9100
Portsmouth.....	683-0300
Providence	243-6279
Richmond.....	539-8289
Scituate	821-5900
Smithfield	231-2500
South Kingstown	783-3321
Tiverton.....	624-3222
Warren.....	245-1311
Warwick	468-4343
West Warwick	821-4323
West Greenwich	397-7191
Westerly.....	596-2022
Woonsocket	767-8824
Women & Infants – Parents of babies leaving the hospital may contact security or valet parking for service.	

RHODE ISLAND CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

Children under seven (7) years, less than fifty-four (54) inches (4½ feet tall) and weighing less than 80 pounds (maximum weight limit of a booster seat) must be transported in the rear seating position of a motor vehicle and properly restrained in a child restraint system (booster seat).

Exceptions –

Children under age seven (7) are exempt from being transported in the back seat **IF:** (a) the vehicle has no rear seating position (i.e., pick-up, sports car). (b) all rear seating positions are already being utilized by other children. In the (b) situation, the oldest child should ride in the front seat if the vehicle is equipped with passenger side air bags.

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