

Sheboygan County Car Seat Program

Sheboygan County is now offering a Child Car Seat program to Sheboygan County residents. The purpose of our program is to help educate parents, grandparents and foster parents on how to properly install and use car seats. Buckling up the right way on every ride is the single most important thing a family can do to stay safe in the car. When installed and used properly child restraints and seat belts prevent injuries and save lives.

Program Eligibility

- You must be a Sheboygan County Resident
- You must meet the income guidelines (*eligible for WIC, Reduced School Lunch Program, BadgerCare, and Foster Parents.*)
- If you have a child's car seat and you need it moved to a different location in the vehicle or just want it to be checked for proper installation in the vehicle you are also eligible to come in

Appointments

- An appointment is necessary with the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician for the installation and education of the car seats
 - **Sue Schmidt:** Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Child Passenger Safety Technician
920-459-3258 or 920-946-2286
- Vehicle, vehicle manual and the child who will be using the seat all need to be at the appointment


Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Law Information

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	Under 1 yr	1-3 yrs	4-7 yrs	8-18 yrs
Less than 20 lbs	Rear-facing car seat			
21-40 lbs	Rear-facing car seat	Rear or Front-facing car seat		
41-80 lbs Under 4' 9"		Front-facing car seat	Front-facing car seat or Booster seat + lap and shoulder belt	Booster seat + lap and shoulder belt or seat belt
80+ lbs				Booster seat + lap and shoulder belt or seat belt


For info: 866-511-9467 or www.wcpsa.com

Safest Practice



<p>Birth - 12 months</p> <p>Always ride in a rear-facing car seat, in the back seat.</p> <p><small>*American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends a rear-facing car seat until 2 years of age or until they reach the highest height or weight allowed by the car seat manufacturer.</small></p>	<p>*Age 1 - 3 years</p> <p>Rear-facing in back seat, as long as possible, within the height or weight limit allowed by car seat manufacturer. Then front-facing car seat in back seat.</p>	<p>Age 4 - 7 years</p> <p>Front-facing car seat used within the height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer. Then a booster seat using lap and shoulder seat belt in the back seat.</p>	<p>Age 8 - 12 years</p> <p>Booster seat until seat belt fits properly with lap belt snug across the upper thighs, not the stomach and shoulder belt snug across the chest, not across the neck/face. Keep children in the back seat until age 13.</p>
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Description of Restraint Types



<p>A REAR-FACING CAR SEAT is the best seat for your young child to use. It has a harness and in a crash, cradles and moves with your child to reduce the stress to the child's fragile neck and spinal cord.</p>	<p>A FRONT-FACING CAR SEAT has a harness and tether that limits your child's forward movement during a crash.</p>	<p>A BOOSTER SEAT positions the seat belts so they fit properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.</p>	<p>A SEAT BELT should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain your child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.</p>
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Car Seat Recommendations

Every transition decreases protection. Delay transition to the next step as long as possible.

- Choose a car seat based on your child's size (height and weight)
- Read your car seat instructions for use and installation information
- Read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system
- Keep your child in a harness as long as your child fits within the height and weight limits
- Keep your child in the back seat until age 13 for best protection
- Check the expiration date and know history of your car seat