Child Passenger Safety

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Public Health
Seattle & King County

EMS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Rank	<1 yr	1-4 yr	5-9 yr	10-14 yr
1	Unintentional Suffocation 68 (15.49)	Assault Unspecified 19 (1.07)	Unintentional MV Traffic 25 (1.1)	Suicide Suffocation 30 (1.35)
2	Assault Unspecified 13 (2.96)*	Unintentional MV Traffic 18 (1.01)	Unintentional Drowning 10**	Unintentional MV Traffic 22 (0.99)
3	Unintentional MV Traffic 8**	Unintentional Fire/Burn 18 (1.01)	Unintentional Fire/Burn 6**	Suicide Firearm 17 (0.77)
4	Assault Other Specified 5**	Unintentional Other Pedestrian 18 (1.01)	Unintentional Suffocation 4**	Assault Firearm 12 (0.54)*
5	Unintentional Drowning 4**	Unintentional Drowning 15 (0.84)*	Unintentional Other Transportation 4**	Unintentional Drowning 11**
	Other/	Unintentional	Assault	Unintentional

10 Leading Causes of Injury Related Deaths by Age Group, Washington State 2013-2017
Highlighting Unintentional Injury Deaths
Listed by: Death Counts and Death Rates per 100,000 people
(rates in parentheses)

Unintentional Motor Vehicle Traffic deaths are one of the top 3 causes of injury death to children ages 0-14

13% of King County's population is under the age of 12.

That's about 303,700 kids who should use child safety seats!

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census, Demographic and Housing Characteristics, 2020

Infant seat
Rear Facing only
Newborn and infants

Convertible
Rear facing: Newborn to toddler
Forward Facing: Toddler to Preschool

"All in One" or "3 in 1"
Rear facing: Newborn to Toddler
Forward Facing: Toddler to Preschool
Booster seat: Preschool to School age

Harnessed Booster **Forward Facing only**
Harness: Toddler to Preschool
Booster: Preschool to School age

High Back Booster
Preschool to School Age
Minimum Age 4 to 4'9" (around 8-12 years old)

Backless Booster
Preschool to School Age
Minimum Age 4 to 4'9" (around 8-12 years old)

WA State Law

Up to age 2

Rear facing car seat with harness

Ages 2-4

Car seat with a harness
(Rear facing or Forward facing)

Ages 4 years and older

Car seat with harness or
Booster seat until they are 4'9" tall

Up to age 13-

Ride in the back seat when practical

www.thecarseatlady.com

“ The BEST car seat is the one that:

- fits the child correctly,
- can be installed correctly in the vehicle, and
- is used every time”

Most Common Errors

Inappropriate type of car seat

- Premature transition into the next stage of car seats
- Discontinuation of booster seat use too soon
- Ride in the front seat of vehicle too soon

Car seat installation errors

- Seat belt or Lower anchors are too loose
- The car seat is at the wrong angle
- Tether not used when forward facing

Harnessing errors on the child

- Harnesses are too loose
- Harnesses are positioned incorrectly

BASIC CAR SEAT TIPS

Tight car seat installation

Installed at correct angle

Correct top tether use (when forward facing)

Correct harness height

Snug harness adjustments

Chest clip at **armpit level** and unable to pinch webbing

Correct Booster Seat seatbelt placement

No seat?

Help your clients PREPARE… early!

Safe ≠ Expensive

$69

$59

$59

$45

$14

- Health plan incentives
- Connect clients to organizations with KidVantage or Westside Baby partnerships
- Community education/training partnerships with organizations such as Safe Kids Seattle/South King County
- Donated used seats- How have they been “cleared” for use?

www.wacarseats.com

Free materials in many languages!

King County car seat assistance

- Child Passenger Safety Events
- One-on-one appointments
- Virtual Checkups
- Fee-based Private technician appointments
- Special Events with organizations

Go to: www.kingcounty.gov/carseats

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English Search

Scheduled maintenance today

The website is scheduled for maintenance today. There may be intermittent outages during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

HOME / PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE & KING COUNTY / TRAFFIC SAFETY / CAR SEATS, BOOSTER SEATS AND SEATBELTS

Car seats, booster seats and seatbelts

Recommendations for car seats and booster seats, as well as information on Washington seatbelt laws.

CONTACT

Violence and Injury Prevention

401 5th Ave, Suite 1110
Seattle, WA 98104

For questions or comments, please use our online form.

Short URL: kingcounty.gov/carseats

Need help with your car seat?

Free child car seat check events are happening locally throughout 2024 for parents, parents-to-be and caregivers. Whether this is your first time installing a car seat in preparation for the arrival of a new baby or you've done this many times, installing car seats correctly can be tricky. Only one in four car seats are installed correctly according to national data. That's in part because every car seat and vehicle is different and as your child grows, how they travel in your car will change.

Note: Future Public Health needs may require postponement or cancellation of car seat checks. Please reach out to the event contact to confirm the status of posted car seat checks and mask-use policies before you attend an event. If you are interested in a "Virtual" car seat check, please contact Laura Miccile at laura.miccile@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-8664.

2024 King County Car Seat Check Events

Car Seat Events—Registration Required

JANUARY		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
FEBRUARY		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
MARCH		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
2 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
APRIL		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
13 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
27 | Sat	Seattle Children's	Seattle
MAY		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
4 | Sat	KidVantage	Kent
11 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
23 | Thu	Safe Kids Seattle (Burien Fire Dept.)	Burien
JUNE		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
8 | Sat	Seattle Children's	Seattle
15 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
27 | Thu	SafeKids Seattle (WestSide Baby)	West Seattle
JULY		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
20 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
25 | Thu	Safe Kids Seattle	TBD
AUGUST		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
17 | Sat	KidVantage	Shoreline
22 | Thu	Safe Kids Seattle	TBD
SEPTEMBER		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
7 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
15 | Sun	KidVantage	Issaquah
17 | Tue	KidVantage	Shoreline
21 | Sat	Seattle Children's	Seattle
26 | Thu	Safe Kids Seattle	TBD
OCTOBER		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
5 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
12 | Sat	KidVantage	Issaquah
19 | Sat	Seattle Children's	Seattle
NOVEMBER		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue
2 | Sat	EvergreenHealth Hospital	Kirkland
DECEMBER		
Tuesdays	Seattle Children's	Bellevue

Car Seat Event Registration

» **EvergreenHealth Hospital (Kirkland)**	Call: 425-544-0050 Visit: bit.ly/evergreenhealthcarseats
» **KidVantage (Issaquah, Kent, Shoreline)**	Email: carseatcheck@kidvantagenw.org
» **Safe Kids Seattle & Public Health-Seattle & King County** *(Se habla español)*	Visit: bit.ly/SKSeattleCarSeats
» **Seattle Children's (Bellevue, Seattle)**	Visit: seattlechildrens.org/carseatchecks

Car Seat Inspections by Appointment Only

» **Bothell Police Department**	Contact Jenna Biddle: jenna.biddle@bothellwa.gov
» **Burien Police Department**	Register at: bit.ly/BurienCarSeatChecks
» **Newcastle Police Department**	Register at: bit.ly/3RyAnGd
» **Sammamish Police Department** *(Sammamish residents only)*	Contact Chris Sawtelle: chris.sawtelle@kingcounty.gov
» **Shoreline Fire Department** *(Shoreline, Woodway, Lake Forest Park and Kenmore residents only)*	Visit: shorelinefire.com/education/child-seat-safety/
» **Skyway-King County Sheriff**	Contact: Vickie Cariello vcariello@kingcounty.gov 206-300-3223
» **Valley Regional Fire Authority** *(Algona, Auburn and Pacific residents only)*	Visit: vrfa.org/community/make-a-request/
» **White Center-King County Sheriff**	Contact: Nate Hammock nhammock@kingcounty.gov (preferred) 206-514-2554

Virtual Car Seat Inspections and Private For-Hire Technician Referrals

» **King County Public Health**	Laura Miccile laura.miccile@kingcounty.gov (206) 477-8664

For more information, visit **kingcounty.gov/carseats**

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Become a Child Passenger Safety Technician

http://cert.safekids.org

2024 King County Certification courses

June (Muckleshoot)

July (North Seattle)