

WRJC Radio Spot – Car Seat Talking Points 1/8/25

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Did you know !

- Road injuries are one of the leading causes of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States.
- 39% of the children killed in car crashes in 2022 were unrestrained
- Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71%.
- More than ½ of all car seats are not used or installed correctly! 3 out of 4 car seats are not installed correctly.
- It is vital to Register your car seat – for important updates and recalls.
- As children grow, how they sit in your car will change. Make sure you use a [car seat that fits your child's current size and age](#).
- Not all car seats fit in all vehicles. Make sure the car seat is the [right fit for your vehicle](#). Test the car seat you plan to buy to make sure it fits well in your vehicle.
- Buy a car seat that can be installed and correctly used every time!
- **JCHD Performed 102 total car seat checks in 2024**
 - **There were 107 identified errors/issues during those 102 checks**
 - **Of those 102 seats that were checked 48 were provided by a grant from JCHD to community members in need.**

What are the four MAIN types of car seats?

- Rear-facing seats
- Forward-facing seats
- Booster seats
- Seat belts (in the vehicle itself on the seat)

What other types of car seats?

- Infant Seats
- Convertible Seats
- All-in-one seats

JCHD Offers FREE car seat checks!

- Offer car seat checks at monthly events as well as by appointment.
- Monthly events: Ambulance Garage, Daycares, JCHD Dental & Health Services Day (at the office) and other outreach events.
- Appointments can be done in office, at the hospital, or a home visit.