

**3,311**

Number of children in the United States who died in motor vehicle related accidents in 2011.

**309**

Number of children whose lives were saved due to restraint use in 2009 alone.

## INSPECTION STATIONS

Safe kids coalitions operate about 500 permanent child passenger safety inspection stations throughout the United States. Inspection stations are open regularly to teach parents and caregivers how to safely transport children. You'll find them in central locations such as General Motors dealerships, hospitals, fire stations, and insurance companies.

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

### Did you know?

- Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages 1 to 19
- Children ages 2 to 5 who use safety belts prematurely are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash than those in child safety seats or booster seats
- Of those children ages 8 and under who died in vehicle crashes in 2011, 29% were unrestrained

## CAR SEAT CHECKUP

**RIGHT PLACE** Kids are VIPs, just ask them. We know ALL VIPs should ride in the back seat, so keep your children ages 13 and under in the back seat!

**RIGHT DIRECTION** Keep your kid in a rear-facing car seat until they are 2 years old. When he or she grows too big for a rear-facing car seat, move your child to a forward-facing car seat.

**INCH TEST** Once your car seat is installed, give it a good shake at the base. Can you move it more than an inch side to side or front to back? A properly installed seat will not move more than an inch.

**PINCH TEST** Make sure the harness is tightly buckled and coming from the correct slots (check car seat manual). Now, with the chest clip placed at armpit level, pinch the strap at your child's shoulder. If you are unable to pinch any excess webbing, you're good to go.