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Follow these safety tips to make sure your kids are 'back' where they belong!

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- A car seat helps distribute crash forces over a wide area of body.
- The back of a rear-facing car seat absorbs crash forces protecting the infant's spine and neck from injuries.

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- Head-on collisions are the most common.
- An airbag, dash, and windshield are dangerous for children.
- Children have more tendencies to lean forward in the front seat.

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Children are safest using a booster seat until they are 80lb and 4'9".

- Seat belts are designed for adults.
- A booster seat will allow the lap and shoulder belt to fit properly.

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