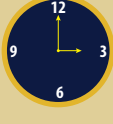





# CHILD SAFETY IN THE CAR



In 2010, more than **1200** children below the age of **14** died in car accidents. =  "1 child every 3 hours" 

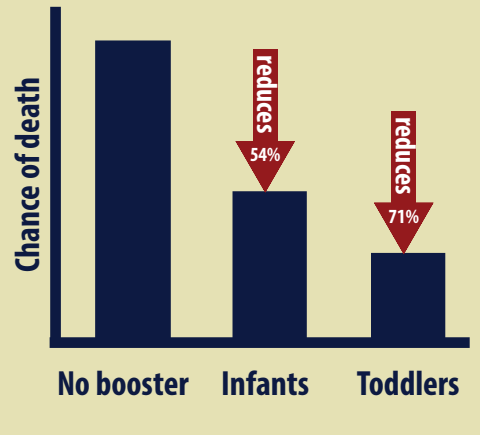
In that same year, approximately **171,000** children suffered injuries. =  "19 children every hour" 

## Did you know?

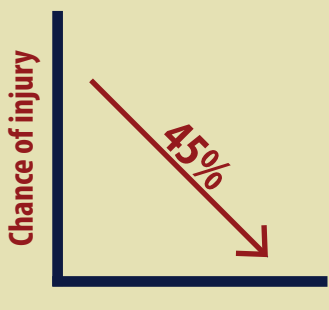
**1** Sitting in a car seat or booster **reduces the chances of death:**

For infants (below age 1) by 71%

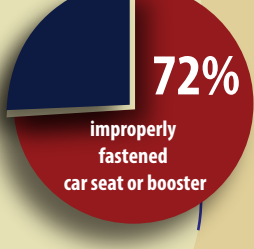
For toddlers (ages 1-4) by 54%



**2** Children (ages 4-8) have a **45%** lower chance of serious injury if they are properly seated in a booster.

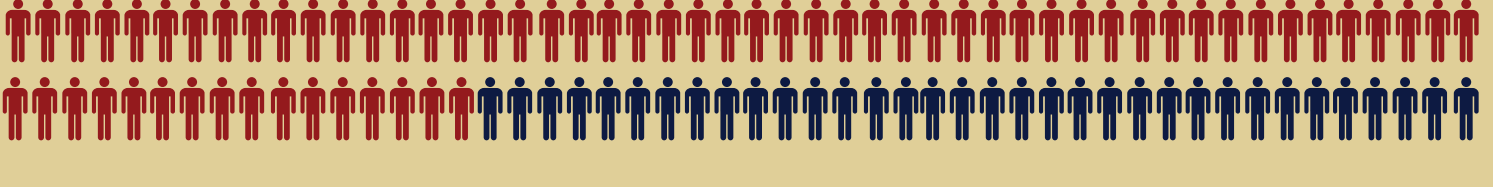


**3** According to one study, **72%** of children were found to be sitting in boosters or car seats that were improperly fastened.



Over the course of one year, as many as **618,000** children below the age of 12 ride in a car without using a seatbelt or booster seat.

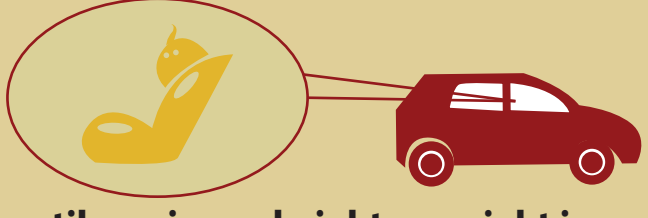
More than **66%** of the children who were **killed** in car accidents were being driven by a **drunk driver.** 



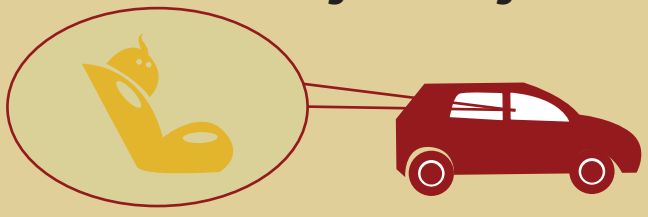
## How can you ENSURE the safety of YOUR child?

### CAR SEAT GUIDELINES

**0-2 years** Rear-facing car seat – until maximum height or weight is reached (check manual).






**2-5 years** Forward-facing car seat – until maximum height or weight is reached (check manual).



**5-9 years** Booster – until child is 57 inches tall.

**57"** Normal seatbelt use.

## What can YOU do?

-  Check with a local agency that you have installed your car seat or booster properly.
-  Monitor your child's height and weight to ensure that the appropriate car seat or booster is being used.
-  Get in the habit of checking the backseat before starting the ignition to check that all passengers are safely buckled.

Sources: Center for Disease Control (CDC)