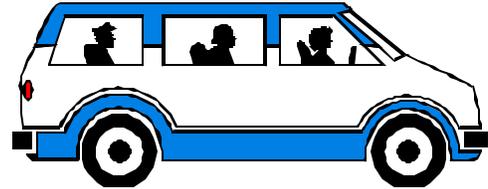


RULES FOR CARPOOLS



- Be sure every car has one seat belt for each person in your carpool, including the driver and children who ride in safety seats.
- Ask all drivers in the carpool to pledge to buckle up themselves and their passengers on every trip.
- Never transport children in the cargo area of a station wagon, pickup truck, hatchback or van.
- Let all children in your carpool know in advance that they will be expected to behave properly in the car and that they must always ride buckled up.

TIPS ON BUCKLING UP FOR CARPOOLS

- The back seat is safest. Children younger than 13 should not ride in front if there is a passenger-side air bag.
- Never put a rear-facing infant in the front seat if there is a passenger-side air bag.
- Children who weigh less than 40 pounds should ride in a safety seat with a harness for safest protection.
- Children who have outgrown safety seats with a harness should ride in an auto booster seat until the seat belt fits well (approximately 60 to 80 pounds).
- Never put two children in one belt.
- Instruct your children to insist on wearing seat belts any time they ride in a car without you.

OTHER CAR SAFETY TIPS

- ➔ Choose responsible drivers with well-maintained vehicles.
- ➔ Plan pick-up and drop-off points carefully. Avoid backing up where young children are walking or playing.
- ➔ Keep sharp or heavy objects in the trunk.
- ➔ Keep doors locked and windows closed or opened only slightly.
- ➔ Be sure your school or other group has a firm policy on safety belt use and states the policy clearly on permission slips.
- ➔ Never leave children unattended in a vehicle.



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