



Did you know that at least four out of five children in safety seats are improperly restrained? Have your child safety seats inspected by a certified child passenger safety technician. Please see the reverse side for information about the Kettering Fitting Station.

4 Steps for Kids

Protect your kids by taking each step as they grow and have their seats inspected.

The Four Steps of Child Passenger Safety:



Step 1
Rear-Facing Child Seats for children from birth to at least 20 pounds and at least one year of age.



Step 2
Forward-Facing Child Seats for children over 20 pounds and at least one year old to about 40 pounds and about age four.

Seat belts can seriously injure or kill small children who are not properly placed in child safety seats, so ...



Step 3
Belt-Positioning Booster Seats for children from about 40 pounds to about 80 pounds and 4'9".



Step 4
Seat Belts for older children large enough for the belt to fit correctly: at least 4'9" tall and about 80 pounds.

Child Safety Seat Fitting Station

The Kettering Fire Department operates a child safety seat fitting station once a month at Fire Station 32, 250 West Dorothy Lane.

Hours of operation are typically from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Appointments are required** to have your vehicle and child safety seats inspected.

To schedule an appointment, contact the Kettering Fire Department Headquarters at 296-2489 Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Learn how to keep your infants, toddlers and school children safe in your automobile.

- 80% of vehicles checked locally found children improperly secured in car seats or not secured in seats at all.
- Over 50% of motor vehicle fatalities in children under the age of 15 were **UNRESTRAINED** in motor vehicle crashes.

Why have your child safety seat checked?

- Safety belts and automobiles are designed primarily for adults.
- Compatibility problems occur between child safety seats, seat belts and vehicle seats.
- Airbag placement in vehicles further complicates proper placement of child safety seats.
- Properly installed child safety seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71%.

Booster Seats Essentials.

- Booster seats are recommended for children 40 to 80 pounds and under 4'9".
- Belt-positioning booster seats correctly position lap and shoulder belts.
- Boosters are not used in children over 80 pounds.