

## **Where Your Kids Sit Matters: Front seats and car seats can give false security**

**Place children in the back seat, where it is always safest to ride.** Most people know it's not safe for children to ride in the front seat of vehicles. Yet, about 6 percent of all kids under 12 are riding in the front seat, according to the National Safety Council.

**Have car seats inspected and installed. Use booster seats for children until they reach 80 pounds.** Parents also make mistakes with car seats. According to experts, 73 percent of adults place children in car seats improperly – usually with the harness straps too loose or the car seat not properly attached to the vehicle seat. Nearly 80 percent of the kids who should be in booster seats are not getting this important protection.

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