

Child Passengers and Air Bags

Introduction

- While [air bags](#) provide safety benefits to adults, improperly or unbuckled children can be killed or seriously injured when they sit too close to the air bag.
- **NEVER** place a rear-facing infant in front of a passenger air bag.
- This label is required to be on all rear-facing child safety seats.
- Children ages 12 and under should sit properly restrained in the back seat.

How to know if your vehicle has a [frontal air bag](#) or [side air bag](#) system

The letters "[SRS](#)", "[IRS](#)", "[SIR](#)", "[SIPS](#)", "[SIAB](#)", "[IC](#)", or the words "Air Bag" may be embossed on the cover of the storage compartment. Later model cars may also have a warning label on the visor, edge of vehicle door, seat belt, and/or seat. Read vehicle's owner manual. In some vehicles there may be no obvious indicator on the dashboard.

Transporting your child in the front seat

If you must transport a child in the front seat of a vehicle with an active air bag, you may want to install an on-off switch.