

Carpool Driver Safety Checklist

BEFORE THE RIDE: Outside the Car

Circle One:

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| YES | NO | I have a valid driver's license and carry auto insurance. |
| YES | NO | I am aware that there are FREE Car Seat Fitting Stations in Lancaster County where I can learn how to properly secure car seats and booster seats in the car. |
| YES | NO | I have not been convicted of a crime against a child. |
| YES | NO | I can see each child that I will drive as they approach my car. |
| YES | NO | Children not riding in my car are fully supervised and/or physically held by an adult, so I do not back over them by mistake. |

DURING THE RIDE: Inside the Car

Circle One:

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| YES | NO | Each child will ride in a car seat, booster seat or safety belt, based on individual age, weight and height. |
| YES | NO | Each child has their own safety belt system to hold them, the booster seat or car seat. |
| YES | NO | Each child under 13 is riding in a back seat. |
| YES | NO | Airbags have been disabled for infants and children who must ride in the front seat (front seat location is NOT recommended.) |
| YES | NO | I drive only as many occupants as there are safety belts. |
| YES | NO | I have been taught to use the booster seats or car seats correctly for the children in transport, including locking out the seat belt that secures the seats to the vehicle. |
| YES | NO | I do not start the car until every person is properly buckled. |
| YES | NO | I do not drive children if I have had any alcohol or other drugs that impair. |
| YES | NO | There are no weapons in my car. |

AFTER THE RIDE: Outside the Car

Circle One:

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| YES | NO | I make sure that all children exit my car on the curb side. |
| YES | NO | Once children exit my car, I wait until they are safely supervised before driving off. |
| YES | NO | I never leave children alone in the car, even for a few minutes. |

Child Passenger Safety Laws in Pennsylvania

All Drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate restraint system.

For more information, call: **1-800-CAR-BELT** (227-2358)

Children Aged 0-4 years

- All children from birth to age 4 must be secured in an approved car seat anywhere in the vehicle
- Children younger than 2 must be secured in a rear-facing car seat until the child outgrows the maximum weight and height limits of the seat.
- Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of \$75.00 plus court costs, EMS, Surcharge and administrative fees.

Children Aged 4 to 8 years

- All children 4 years of age and older, but less than 8 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system and an appropriate belt-positioning booster seat anywhere in the vehicle.
- Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of \$75.00 plus court costs, EMS, Surcharge and administrative fees.

Children Aged 8 to 18 years

- All children 8 years of age and older, but less than 18 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle.
- Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of \$10.00 plus EMS, Surcharge and administrative fees.



Provided by Traffic Injury Prevention Project Pennsylvania (TIPP)

Child Passenger Safety Resources

PAKidsTravelSafe.org

- Car Seat and Seat Belt Questions
- Car Seat Recall Information
- Car Seat Loan Program Locations
- Training and Educational Materials

LGHealth.org/SafeKids

- Free Car Seat Fitting Stations in Lancaster County
- Top Tips about Car Seat Safety
- Farm & Family Safety Information



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