



# CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY RESOURCES 2017



## CURRENT LAW

**Children under age 8** must be buckled into a car seat or booster in the back seat.

**Children age 8 or older, or who are 4' 9" or taller,** may use the vehicle seat belt if it fits properly with the lap belt low on the hips, touching the upper thighs, and the shoulder belt crossing the center of the chest. If children are not tall enough for proper belt fit, they must ride in a booster or car seat.

**Effective January 2017**  
***Children must be properly buckled in a car seat which is rear facing until age 2***

## CHILD SEAT SAFETY INSPECTION SITES

**For assistance installing a car seat contact one of these locations:**

*(By appointment only)*

AAA Capitola  
824-9141

Santa Cruz Police Department  
212-5721 / 420-5952 (se habla Español)

AAA Watsonville  
768-4570 (se habla Español)

Santa Cruz City Fire Department  
420-5280  
Call 8 am– 12 pm

California Highway Patrol  
662-0511

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District  
438-0211  
Call 8 am– 12 pm

Capitola Police Department  
475-4242 (se habla Español)  
Wednesday appointments only

Watsonville Fire Department  
768-3209 (se habla Español)

Boulder Creek Fire Department

## NO-COST CAR SEATS

Car seats are available on a limited basis for low-income families. Proof of low-income status or a referral from a community agency is required.

**For more information or an appointment contact:**

Watsonville / South County: 454-4317 or [Kithy.Chavez@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Kithy.Chavez@santacruzcounty.us)

Santa Cruz / North County: 454-5477 or [Lynn.Lauridsen@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Lynn.Lauridsen@santacruzcounty.us)