



# TARGET ZERO

## Washington Child Passenger Safety Program

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# Washington Child Passenger Safety Program

Goal 1: Implement countermeasure strategies to maintain a sufficient number of child passenger safety technicians and remove barriers to recertification.

Goal 2: Implement countermeasure strategies to maintain an active network of child passenger safety inspection stations and/or inspection events.

Goal 3: Increase awareness of and engagement in child passenger safety among law enforcement, the community, tribes, and other target audiences.

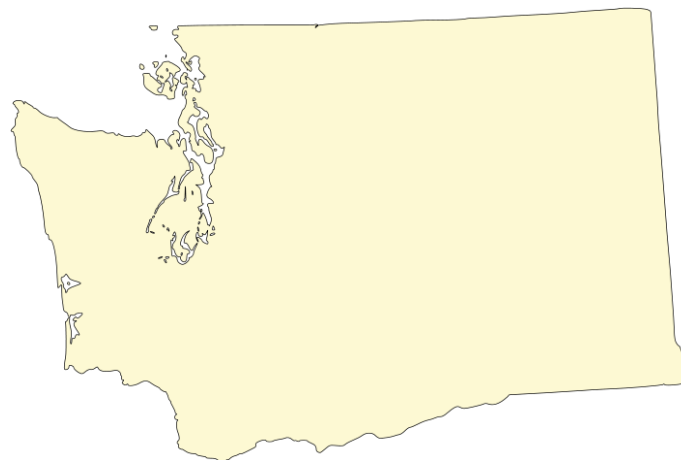
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Certification course – four days

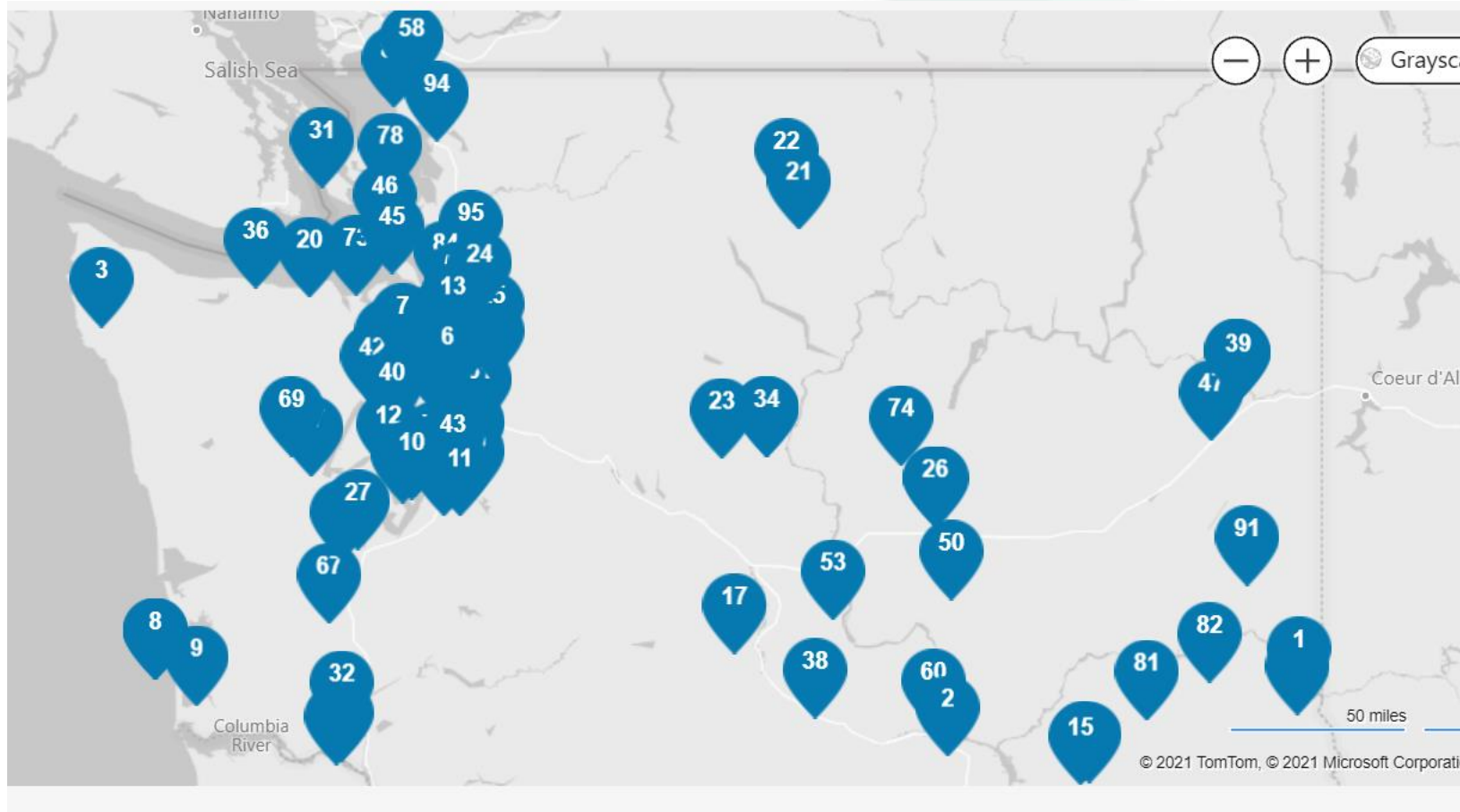
374 nationally certified technicians

Two year recertification cycle

- Five seat sign-offs
- Six continuing education units
- One community event



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## Washington Child Passenger Safety Network 5/4/2021

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## Child Restraint Transitions According to RCW 46.61.687

Per American Academy of Pediatrics: Every transition is associated with some decrease in protection. Parents are encouraged to delay these transitions as long as possible.

AGE (YEARS)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>0 – 2 Years</b>													
<b>REAR-FACING</b>													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child's head more than 1" from top of seat</li> <li>Harness:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>straps at or <b>below</b> shoulders</li> <li>clip at armpit level</li> <li>snug</li> </ul> </li> <li>Installed with seat belt or lower anchors &amp; tether</li> <li>Forward facing belt path used for installation</li> <li>Appropriate angle</li> </ul>													
<b>2 – 4 Years</b>													
<b>FORWARD-FACING</b>													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harness:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>straps at or <b>above</b> shoulders</li> <li>clip at armpit level</li> <li>snug</li> </ul> </li> <li>Installed with seat belt or lower anchors &amp; tether</li> <li>Forward facing belt path used for installation</li> </ul>													
<b>4 Years + Until 4'9" Tall</b>													
<b>BOOSTER SEAT</b>													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head support</li> <li>Proper seat belt fit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lap belt low</li> <li>shoulder belt across mid chest and shoulder</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lap and shoulder seat belt used; <b>can not</b> be used with lap-only belt</li> </ul>													
<b>Under 13 Years-Back Seat</b>													
<b>SEAT BELT</b>													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back against vehicle seat</li> <li>Knees bend at edge of seat</li> <li>Lap belt low; shoulder belt across mid chest and shoulder</li> <li>Feet rest on floor</li> <li>Remain in position entire trip</li> </ul>													

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## Washington's Child Passenger Safety Law

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RCW 46.61.687  
(in summary)

Covers all passengers under 16 years of age.  
Driver receives notice of infraction.

(3) A person violating subsection (1) of this section may be issued a notice of traffic infraction under chapter 46.63 RCW. If the person to whom the notice was issued presents proof of acquisition of an approved child restraint system or a child booster seat, as appropriate, within seven days to the jurisdiction issuing the notice and the person has not previously had a violation of this section dismissed, the jurisdiction shall dismiss the notice of traffic infraction.

(5) This section does not apply to:

- For hire vehicles,
- vehicles designed to transport sixteen or less passengers, including the driver, operated by auto transportation companies, as defined in RCW 81.68.010,
- vehicles providing customer shuttle service between parking, convention, and hotel facilities, and airport terminals, and
- school buses.

(7) The requirements of subsection (1)(c) of this section do not apply in any seating position where there is only a lap belt available.

To locate a child passenger safety technician in your community visit  
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Child restraint system must be used according to instructions of the vehicle and child restraint system manufacturer.

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KEEP WASHINGTON KIDS  
**SAFE IN THE CAR!**

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Children ages 2 – 4 years must ride in a car seat with a harness (rear or forward-facing).



Children 4 years and older must ride in a car or booster seat until they are 4'9" tall.



Children up to age 13 must ride in the back seat when practical.

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for more information

## It's The Law!

RCW 46.61.687

## Is Your Child Riding Safely In the Car?

### Recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children remain in each stage of protection for as long as possible. Each transition reduces the protection of the child.

### Manufacturer Instructions

A child restraint system must be used according to instructions of the vehicle and child restraint manufacturer.

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**د ماشومانو د طبابت امريکايي**  
**اکادمۍ وړانديز**

د ماشومانو د طبابت امريکايي اکادمي وړانديز کوي چې ماشومان تر ممکنه ډېر وخت لپاره د خونديتوب په هره مرحله کې پاتې شي. هر لېږد يا بدلون د ماشومانو خونديتوب راکموي.

**د توليدونکي لارښوې**

د موټرو او د ماشومانو کنټرولونکي توکي د توليدونکي له لارښوونو سره سم بايد د ماشومانو له کنټرولونکي سيستم څخه اړ واخيستل شي.

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**تړ 2 کلونو عمر لرونکي ماشومان بايد په هغه سېټ کې کينول شي چې مخه يې د شا په لور وي.**

**له 2 - 4 کلونو عمر لرونکي ماشومان بايد د موټر په سېټ کې د ځان تړونکي پټو سره کينول شي (مخه يې د شا يا د مخکې په لور وي).**

**د 4 يا له دې څخه د پورته عمر لرونکي ماشومان بايد تر هغه پورې د موټر په سېټ يا اضافي سېټ کې کينول شي چې ترڅو يې لوړوالی 4 فوټه او 9 انچو نه نه وي رسېدلی، يا له دې څخه د پورته عمر لرونکي ماشومان بايد تر هغه پورې د موټر په سېټ يا اضافي سېټ کې کينول شي چې ترڅو يې لوړوالی 4 فوټه او 9 انچو نه نه وي رسېدلی.**

**تر 13 کلونو عمر لرونکي ماشومان بايد په شاتې سېټ کې کينې، که چېرې مناسب وي.**

**اطفال واشنگتن را در موټر مصوون نگه داريد**  
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**آيا کودک شما بطور مصون سوار موټر می شود؟**  
**توصيه اکادمي طبابت اطفال امريکا**

اکادمي طبابت اطفال امريکا توصيه می کند که اطفال تا زمانی که ممکن است، در هر مرحله حفاظتی بمانند. هر تحول مصونيت کودک را کاهش می دهد.

**دستور العمل های توليدکننده**

طبق دستور العمل های توليد کننده وسايط نقلیه و مهار کودک، بايد از سيستم مهار کودک استفاده شود.

**کودکاني که تا 2 سال سن دارد بايد در سېټ موټر رو به عقب بنشينند.**

**کودکاني که از 2 تا 4 سال سن دارد بايد در سېټ موټر يا مهار کننده (رو به عقب يا جلو) بنشينند.**

**کودکاني که 4 سال يا بيشتر سن دارد تا زمانی که قد شان 4 فوټ و 9 انچ باشد، بايد در سېټ موټر يا سېټ اضافي بنشينند.**

**اگر مناسب باشد، کودکاني که تا 13 سال سن دارد بايد در سېټ عقب بنشينند.**

**برای کسب معلومات بيشتر به**  
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 مراجعه کنيد



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## Tips FOR A CORRECT FIT

### Harness Straps

- Rear-Facing: position harnesses at or **BELOW** the shoulders.
- Forward-Facing: position harnesses at or **ABOVE** the shoulder.



**REAR-FACING**  
position harness straps at or **BELOW** the shoulder.



**FORWARD-FACING**  
position harness straps at or **ABOVE** the shoulder.

- Should fit snugly - unable to pinch any excess webbing.
- Should not be twisted or torn.
- Position harness (chest) clip at armpit level.



**PINCHING**  
Indicates that the strap is too loose

**NO PINCHING**  
Indicates that the strap is tight enough

### Installation

- Must be locked in using the seat belt OR lower anchors (and tether if forward facing).
- Seat should not move more than one inch from side to side at belt path.



### Keep Your Child Safe

Please be sure to choose the right seat for your child's age and height, and install it correctly.

## Growing and Going Safely



## Car and Booster Seat Basics

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## Choosing the Right Car Seat

The following "best practice" recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics keep children as safe as possible in the car. Parents are encouraged to delay transition to the next stage as long as possible.

Parents Remember:  
Until 4'9" Boost 'Em  
Every Time!



## ALWAYS ANCHOR TOP TETHER With Forward Facing Car Seat



### Rear-facing Car Seat

- Infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat.
- Many rear-facing car seats have weight limits up to 40-50 pounds.



### Car Seat with Harness

- Children who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat should ride in a forward-facing car seat with harness straps.
- Some car seats have forward-facing limits of 65 pounds when used with harness straps.

**ALWAYS** consult owner's manual of vehicle and child restraint for proper use and installation.



### Booster Seat (up to 4'9")

- Children who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat with harness should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle seat belt fits correctly.
- Most children will not reach 4'9" until they are around 8-12 years old.



### Seat Belt in the BACK SEAT (up to age 13)

- Children under 13 who have outgrown their belt-positioning booster seat should ride in the back seat with properly secured seat belt.



- Use of the top tether reduces forward movement in a crash up to 6 inches.
- The tether strap comes attached to the back of your forward facing car seat.
- Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to locate the tether anchor.



### Five-step test: Moving from a Booster Seat to a Seatbelt

#### Must Say Yes to all 5



Most children need a booster until 8-12 years old

### Washington's Child Restraint Law says:

- Children up to age 2 must ride in a rear-facing car seat.
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- Children 4 and older must ride in a car or booster seat until they are 4'9" tall.
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The law represents the minimum protection required for a child.

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“As many of us watched the refugees fleeing or attempting to flee Afghanistan out of Kabul recently, our hearts went out to these families. The network of car seat technicians who have a heart for reaching vulnerable families, have expressed the desire to provide tools to aid in their health and safety. We have had recent discussions on how we can partner and advocate alongside your agency while welcoming families.”

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## STEP ONE

- Printing of additional translated material
- Education to child transporters
- Car Seat Awareness Class
- Current car seat material is up to date
- Overview of the services we can provide
- Review of agency's seat inventory
- Supplementing restraints



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## **STEP TWO**

Ensure they have the appropriate child restraints and training on proper use.

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- **Diocese of Olympia**
- **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**
- **Jewish Family Services**
- **Lutheran Community Services Northwest** (Tacoma, Vancouver, Spokane, Seattle)
- **World Relief** (Kent, Spokane, Kennewick)
- **Catholic Community Services of Western Washington**

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