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# MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Brad Keil - Chief of Police

## MEDIA RELEASE

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Officer Julie Normann was recently certified as a child passenger safety technician by the National Child Passenger Certification Training Program. Officer Normann normally works 3pm to 11pm and is available to check car seats for free, preferably by appointment, and can be reached by email at [jnormann@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:jnormann@ci.middleton.wi.us) or by phone at 608-824-7398 extension 7408. Please have the current height, weight & age of your child(ren) and bring the vehicle owners' manual and car seat manual to the appointment.

Engineers are working hard to ensure that cars and car seats are designed to keep kids as safe as possible, but it's up to every parent to take full advantage of these innovations by making sure car seats and booster seats are used and installed correctly. Here's what you need to know to ensure that your most precious cargo is safe in cars.



### Hard Facts

Road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States. Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent.

### Top Tips

- Seventy-three percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your car seat. Here's a quick [car seat checklist](#) to help you out. If you are having even the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, certified child passenger safety technicians are able to help or even double check your work. [Click here to search for a certified child passenger safety technician near you.](#)
- Learn how to install your car seat for free. Safe Kids hosts car seat inspection events across the country where certified technicians can help make sure your car seat is properly installed. They will teach you so that you can always be sure your car seat is used correctly. [Find a Safe Kids car seat checkup event near you.](#)
- Buy a used car seat only if you know its full crash history. That means you must buy it from someone you know, not from a thrift store or over the Internet. Once a car seat has been in a crash, it needs to be replaced.
- We know that when adults wear seat belts, kids wear seat belts. So be a good example and buckle up for every ride and be sure everyone in the vehicle buckles up, too.

### Learn More

While it may seem like you need an engineering degree to figure out which child safety seat is best for your child, don't worry. We've got you covered. [Read more tips](#) and we'll help you pick the right seat for your child's age, weight, height and developmental stage.

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