

KIDS AND AIRBAGS



Airbags are a success. They've inflated in millions of crashes, **saved thousands of lives**, and prevented many more serious injuries. But like some medications and other public health successes, airbags have caused unintended adverse effects. Nearly all of these are minor injuries like bruises and abrasions that are more than offset by the lives airbags have saved.

But some airbag injuries have been serious. There have been some deaths. These have occurred when someone has been **on top of, or very close to, an airbag** as it began inflating. Infants in rear-facing restraints and unbelted or unrestrained children in the front seats of vehicles with passenger airbags are at the most risk.

You can **eliminate this risk**, and you can almost always do it without going to the trouble of getting permission from the federal government for an on/off switch for your passenger airbag. Begin by putting your child in a back seat and using a restraint appropriate to the child's size, as **required in all 50 states**.

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FROM FRONTAL AIRBAGS
BY RESTRAINING CHILDREN
IN A BACK SEAT.**



