



Your Partner for a Healthy Community

Car Seat Inspection & Fitting Programs

At your appointment you will be trained to install your child's car seat correctly in your vehicle. Make sure you bring your child, car seat and car to your appointment. In certain situations these agencies may be able to provide you with a car seat.

Agency	Phone #	Address	Contact Person
Tompkins Co. Sheriff's Dept.	257-1345	779 Warren Rd. Ithaca, N.Y. 14850	Marcie Manning
Ithaca Central Fire Station	272-1234	310 West Green St. Ithaca, N.Y. 14850	Ernest Williams
Trumansburg Fire Dept.	387-7131	74 West Main St. Trumansburg, N.Y. 14886	Kevin Romer
Cornell Public Safety (Cornell community only)	255-1111 (255-8888)	Barton Hall Cornell University (Bring WIC Card)	
Owego Police Dept. (Mobile Fitting Station)	607-687-2233	90 Temple St. Owego, N.Y. 13827	Charles Hogancamp
Tioga Opportunites WIC Program	607-687-4899	110 Central Ave. Owego, N.Y. 13827	Nancy Glasgow

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General Child Seat Use Information

Children ages 12 and under are safest when properly buckled in the rear seat.

Always refer to the child seat and vehicle manufacturers instructions for proper use and installation instructions.

INFANTS

Age/Weight	Seat Type/Position	Usage Tips
Birth to 1 year Less than 20 lbs	Infant only seat/rear facing or convertible seat/rear facing	Never use in a front seat where an air bag is present. Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing the rear. Child seat should recline at approx. a 45 degree angle.
Less than 1 year 20 – 35 lbs	Convertible seat/ rear facing (select one recommended for heavier infants)	Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level. (Use lower set of slots for most convertible seats)

**Seat should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH System.*

PRESCHOOLERS / TODDLERS

Age/Weight	Seat Type/Position	Usage Tips
1 – 4 years 20 lbs to approx. 40 lbs	Convertible seat/ forward facing or forward facing only or high back booster with harness.	Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing forward. Harness straps/slots at or above child's shoulders (use upper set of slots for most convertible seats). Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.

Young Children

Age/Weight	Seat Type/Position	Usage Tips
4 to at least 8 years / unless they are at least 4'9" (57") tall	Belt-positioning booster (no back, base only) or high back belt-positioning booster.	Booster base used with adult lap and shoulder belt in rear seat. High back booster offers head/neck support for vehicles with rear seats having low or no head support. Shoulder belt should rest snugly across chest, and should NEVER be placed under the arm or behind the back Lap belt should rest low, across lap/upper thigh area- not across the stomach.