

# Safety Fact Sheet



The Utah Safety Council cares about your safety outside of the work setting. We offer resources that keep you and your loved ones safe at home, at play and on the go.

## CHILDREN AND AIR BAGS

The back seat is the safest place for children of any age to ride.

Never place an infant (less than one year old) in a rearward-facing child safety seat in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a front passenger air bag. The back of a rear-facing infant or convertible seat rests too close to the air bag cover.

Because the air bag opens with a great deal of force, serious injuries or death could occur if the child seat is too close.

If it is absolutely necessary for a child age 12 or under to ride in the front seat of a car with a front passenger side airbag:

- Secure the child in a restraint system that is correct for the size of the child: a front facing child safety seat, a booster seat or a lap/shoulder belt.
- Move the front seat as far back from the dashboard as possible.

Following these important safety guidelines and reviewing them each year with your children can help keep the back-to school season safe. Parents and caregivers can be the best teachers when it comes to childhood injury prevention.

*Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Safe Kids Worldwide*

