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## September 19-25, 2021 is Child Passenger Safety Week

Child Passenger Safety Week is September 19-25, 2021 and focuses on educating parents and caregivers about the importance of choosing, installing, and using the correct car seat. As part of Child Passenger Safety Week, the Huntington Beach Police Department wants to make sure your child is in the right child safety seat.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children, and nearly half of car seats (46%) are not being used properly.

California law requires a child to be properly secured in a safety seat until they are at least 8 years of age. Children 8 and older, who are at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height, may ride in the back seat of a vehicle in a properly fitted safety belt. Children under the age of 2 must ride rear-facing or until they reach 40 pounds or 40 inches in height.

To find car seat programs in your area, the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has provided resources on the [OTS website](#). You may also contact your [local CHP Area Office](#) to schedule a free child safety seat inspection.

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