

# ATTENTION

**Washington's Child Restraint Law changed on June 1, 2007 and now requires:**

- Children under 13 years old must be transported in the back seat.
- Children under 4'9" tall, must be transported in a child restraint system.
- The restraint system must be used according to the car seat AND vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Vehicles equipped with lap-only seat belts are exempt from the requirement to use a booster seat.
- Children who are at least 4'9" and who wear a seat belt **MUST** use it correctly (NOT under the arm or behind the back). A fine of \$112 will be issued to improperly restrained children.

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# Car Seat Check



# Car Seat Check Locations

## Call for an Appointment!!

### Cascade Valley Hospital

Contact: Elaine Coalwell  
360.435.2133 Ext. 11

### Granite Falls Fire District 17

360.691.5553

### Lake Stevens Fire

425.334.3034

### Lake Stevens Police

425.334.9537

### Lynwood Police Department

425.744.6937

### Marysville Fire District

360.363.8507

### Monroe Fire District 3

360.794.7666

### Monroe Police Department

360.794.6300

### Providence Everett Medical Center

Family Resource Center  
425.304.6000

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### Snohomish County Fire District 1

425.551.1250

### Snohomish County Fire District 7

(Mill Creek/Clearview area)  
360.282.4023

### Snohomish County Sheriff's Department

425.388.5232

## What You Need to Know About Booster Seats

**Children under 4'9" need to ride in a booster seat. Why don't adults under 4'9" have to do the same?**

Children and adults are totally different in terms of physical development. Adults, no matter their height or weight, have fully mature bodies which means they can withstand the impact of a crash more so than a child. Smaller children who are still developing and don't fit properly in seatbelts are at high risk for injury in the event of a crash. For this reason, it is especially important that children under 4'9" ride in booster seats to ensure the proper fit of seatbelts and to decrease the risk of injury.

**If your child fails any of the 5 points below, they must ride in a booster seat:**

1. The child can sit all the way back in the seat.
2. His/her legs fold over the seat.
3. The lap belt lays over the thighs and pelvis, not over the stomach.
4. The shoulder belt lays over the clavicle and doesn't cut into the neck.
5. The child can stay in this position for the duration of the ride without slouching.

**For maximum child passenger safety, follow the 4 Stages for Kids:**

1. Keep infants rear-facing until a minimum of age 1 AND at least 20 pounds.
2. When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).
3. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until they are 4'9" tall.
4. When children outgrow their booster seats, they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest). Children must remain in the back seat of a vehicle until they are 13 years of age unless all seats in the back are occupied by younger children or if there is no back seat (such as in trucks).

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