



Recreational Vehicles (RV) & Child Passengers

Renting or traveling in a recreational vehicle (RV) with child passengers?



Understand the risks and choose the best alternative that is the safest for your child.

1. Motorized RVs (Class A, B, C, and C+) are *not required* to have rear occupant crash testing or meet Federal seat belt standards for rear seating, depending on the weight of the RV. Check with each manufacturer if it meets seat belt standards.
2. Kitchen equipment anchored to wooden frames and wooden cabinets can collapse or become projectiles during a collision.
3. Other travel supplies, as well as passengers can also become projectiles and injure occupants during a collision
4. Car Seats & booster seats are never to be used in rear-facing or side-facing seating
5. Never leave a child alone in an RV or motor vehicle



#1 Best Alternative

Rent or purchase a ["non-motorized/tow-able RV"](#) ([fifth wheel](#), [trailer](#), [tent trailer](#), [truck camper](#)) so your child can ride properly restrained in the passenger vehicle that tows the RV. Remember as with any RV the driver must be experienced and familiar with towing a trailer behind their vehicle. RV's are high-profile vehicles, so they can be restricted during high wind conditions and can be difficult in making sharp turns and backing.



#2 Second Best Alternative

Drive the child while properly restrained in a passenger vehicle and follow the RV (Class A, B, or C)



#3 Least Best Alternative

RV owners or those considering purchasing one can have captain chairs custom made in the back of the RV that comply with Federal seat belt safety standards. However, there is still a significant risk that during a collision, cabinets, kitchen equipment, and storage items can become projectiles and injure passengers.

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Alternatives for Parents



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