



Derby City Council

CHECK IT DON'T CHANCE IT

Is your child seat fitted correctly?

You might think it is but in Derby over 70% of seats we check are not. Use this leaflet to help you double check.

CHECK IT DON'T CHANGE IT IS YOUR



1 BUCKLE CRUNCH



Buckle crunch is caused when the buckle is bent over the side of the child seat. The correct position for the buckle is straight, located just below the side of the child seat.

SAFETY POINT



Warning: only use a child car seat in the front passenger seat if the air bag can be deactivated or turned off.



2 BAD ANCHOR POSITION



This refers to the lower part of the seat belt (lap belt section) not holding the child seat properly. This is caused when the buckle placement is wrong or the positioning of the seat belt fastening point is too far forwards.



SAFETY POINT



Remember: a good anchor position keeps the child seat safe in a collision.



IS YOUR CHILD SEAT FITTED CORRECTLY?



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SEAT BELT TENSION



The seatbelt must be routed properly before tightening. Push down on the seat and pull the belt through to remove the slack and help tighten. Flick the belt at the beginning to check the tension; it should be tight.

SAFETY POINT



Remember: if there is no tension the car seat will be loose and will not protect your child in a collision.



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POSITION AND TENSION OF THE HARNESS



The tension of your child's harness is correct when you can place two fingers between the strap and the child's shoulder.

SAFETY POINT



Remember: when a child seat is not being used place it in the boot or fasten it down to prevent it causing an injury in a collision.



On rear facing seats.

Only move the harness to a higher position when the child's shoulder is halfway between two slots.

On forward facing seats with a harness.

Only move the harness to a higher position when the shoulder is level with the current slot.

TIPS

1 BUCKLE CRUNCH

Move the child seat to the middle rear position where the buckle is lower. Some child seats come with an alternative routing for the seat belt to help straighten the buckle when fitted.

2 BAD ANCHOR POSITION

Some child seats have a 'recline' position. Use the recline position to move the child seat forward to improve the anchor position or use the rear centre seat of the car where the anchor points are lower.

3 SEAT BELT TENSION

To tighten the seat belt hold the top or side of the seat and with the other hand pull the diagonal portion of the belt through to remove the slack. On a forward facing seat push down on the child seat using a knee or the upper body pulling the seat belt tight.

4 POSITION OR TENSION OF THE HARNESS

Lengthen the straps before placing your child in and out of the seat. Do this every time, you will find it better when adjusting the harness whatever your child is wearing.

DON'T FORGET...

If you have any questions or want more information and guidance take a look at the 'Check It, Don't Chance It' DVD enclosed in your pack. It's easy to use and provides help with all types of child car seat. Also included is the 'Good Egg Guide': a handy reference guide with information about the law too.



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