

# Keeping ND Children Safe in Vehicles

**70% of the 2,554 seats** checked (2024), were misused

## Top 3 Misuses

- **Car seat not secured correctly by seat belt: 74%**

**TIP:** When installed with a seat belt, car seat should not move more than 1 inch.

- **62% did not use (or misused) the tether strap on forward-facing car seats.**

**TIP:** Use the tether to secure forward facing car seats. In a crash, it limits seat movement. This reduces head and neck injuries.

- **71% of car seat harnesses were misused**

**TIP:** Harness should be tight and lay flat on the child. You should not be able to pinch excess harness.



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