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Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

Each year thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. The proper installation and use of car seats will help keep children safe.

The Beaverton Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids Coalition Washington County and the Kuni Auto Center, will be offering a free child car seat clinic. The clinic will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at the Kuni Auto Center located at 3275 SW Cedar Hills Blvd. Beaverton Or, 97005. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The type of car seat your child needs depends on several things, including your child's age, size and the type of vehicle you have. It is important that you read the owner's manual for your vehicle and the instructions that came with the car seat you purchased.

When is your child ready for an adult seat belt? The time to transition your child out of a booster seat and into a seat belt usually comes when the child is between 8 and 12 years old. Keep your children in booster seats until they outgrow the size limits of the booster seats or are big enough to fit properly in seat belts.

For your child to fit a seat belt, he or she must:

- Be tall enough to sit without slouching;
- Be able to keep his or her back against the vehicle seat;
- Be able to keep his or her knees naturally bent over the edge of the vehicle seat; and
- Be able to keep his or her feet flat on the floor.

For more information on how a seat belt properly fits a child please visit [Safecar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/SeatBelts/Beyond-Booster-Seats.htm) or use the link below. <http://www.safercar.gov/parents/SeatBelts/Beyond-Booster-Seats.htm>

A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child safety restraints properly. No appointment is required – just drop by during the event. Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes. Please note that the last car will be accepted at 11:30 a.m.

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