



# Recreational Vehicles (RV) & Child Passengers



Planning on renting a recreational vehicle (RV), or traveling with family or friend in one, with your child?

Before traveling with your child in an RV, learn of the risks and choose the best alternative that is the safest for your child.

1. Motorized RV's (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

For RV owners or those considering in 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.

More RV & Child Safety Information at [www.ProCarSeatSafety.com](http://www.ProCarSeatSafety.com)

Alternatives for Parents



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