Safe Travel in Other Vehicles

From planes and trains, to buses and RVs, here is what you need to know to keep your kids safe in other vehicles.

Safe Travel on Planes*

- Until your child has outgrown their harness, they should use their car seat on an airplane versus sitting in your lap
- Have a rear-facing car seat? Purchase a window seat. You will not be allowed to place the seat in a spot that blocks someone's exit
- Check your car seat's labels to confirm that it is approved for use on a plane
- What about booster seats? Planes only have lap belts, so save the booster seat for transport to and from the airport

*Check with your airline to see their specific car seat guidelines

Safe Travel in RVs

This mode of transportation is not recommended for children.

- RVs are not required to follow the same safety standards as other passenger vehicles, so their seat belts are not regulated
- You should still wear your seat belt while the RV is moving to avoid falls and other injuries
- Projectiles are another hazard in RVs - secure loose items, but be aware that they could still be a hazard in a crash
- Instead of an RV, use a trailer that you can tow. You can install your child's seat in the vehicle that is towing the trailer
Safe Travel in Trains and Ride Share

- Trains and subways are large and highly visible, making them safe modes of transportation.
- Trains do not have seat belts so you cannot install car seats. However, they are still a safe transportation option for kids.
- Even though you can not use car seats on the train, have them ready if you are taking a taxi or ride share vehicle once you are off the train.
- When using ride share, you should ALWAYS bring and use your car seat. You would never transport kids in your vehicle without a car seat, so you should not treat a ride share vehicle any differently.

Safe Travel on Buses

- City buses are highly visible and move much slower than other vehicles, making them less likely to be involved in a crash.
- City buses do not have seat belts so you cannot install a car seat, but are designed to reduce injuries and are still a safe choice for transporting kids.
- Long distance buses (coach buses) travel at higher speeds, so they are often equipped with seat belts.
- Because they're moving faster, it's important to use car seats.
- Not every bus has seat belts, so check with the specific bus company before buying your tickets.

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