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The simplest and most cost-effective way to protect your children from injury when they're riding in a car is to buckle them into car seats. On HEALTHLINE, here's Dr. Robert Bonar of the University of Nevada School of Medicine:

"Today, motor vehicle injury is the leading cause of death for infants one to four years of age. In fact, infants less than six months of age have the highest motor vehicle passenger death rate in the United States. This death rate peaks at approximately one to two month of age. Properly installed and constructed car seats can prevent 90 percent of these fatalities. Seat belts, although not constructed for children, are better than no restraints at all. In 1983, the Nevada Legislature passed child restraint laws. This allows Nevada to join 21 other states who have passed similar legislation. So buckle up, and be careful out there."

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