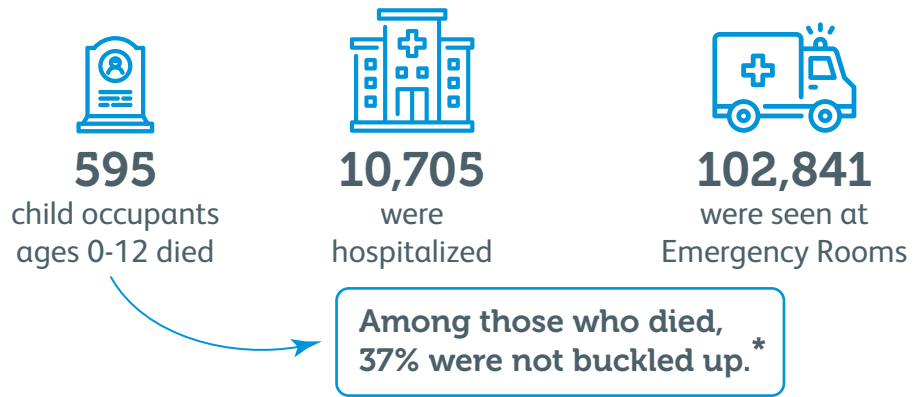




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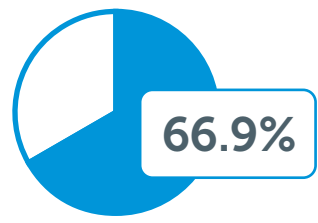
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* In cases where restraint use was known.

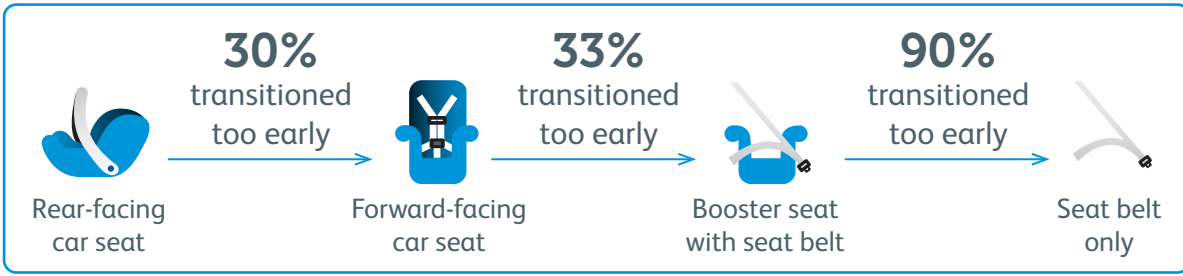
CAR SEAT MISUSE SEEN AT SAFE KIDS CAR SEAT CHECKUPS

An analysis of Safe Kids car seat checkups from 2018 to 2024 revealed that at least one form of misuse was found in more than two-thirds of the car seats checked.



Forms of Misuse

- Premature transition to the next stage of child passenger restraint
- Use of an expired car seat
- Improper installation of the car seat (in the wrong direction or at the wrong angle)
- Errors with the harness, seatbelt, lower anchors, or tether



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