



Airbags

Air bags, combined with lap/shoulder belts, can save your life. Between 1987 and 2008, front air bags saved more than 25,700 passengers, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Driver and passenger side air bags have been standard features in all new cars produced since September 1997. In 1998 they also became standard for new light trucks. However, air bags are a supplemental safety device. Always wear a seat belt for the best protection. NHTSA also recommends that all children age 13 and younger sit in the back seat, using child safety seats or seat belts appropriate for their age and size.

To learn more about air bags, the science of air bag technology and minimizing children's risk, visit Safercar.gov.