

Harness protects kids from in-flight turbulence

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Twenty-six people were injured Monday after Continental Airlines' flight 128 hit severe turbulence -- four seriously.

While airplane passengers are encouraged to wear seat belts at all times, small children aren't always guaranteed safety during such events. Turbulence, as well as rough takeoffs and landings, can cause tiny tots to slip beneath the seat belt and fall forward.

That's why the Federal Aviation Administration has approved the new Child Aviation Restraint System (CARES) -- a belt and buckle device designed for any size airplane seat.

Manufactured exclusively by AmSafe Aviation, the five-point harness provides added protection for children aged 1-4 and weighing 22-44 pounds. Families with special needs children weighing more than 44 pounds can file a request with the FAA for permission to use a CARES harness, according to CARES' Web site.

The restraint system weighs one pound, takes less than a minute to install and comes in a carrying bag. Additionally, it creates a safe airplane seat for your child without the hassle of carrying a car seat.

For more information about the harness, log onto www.kidsflysafe.com.