

# Don't Forget Air Travel Safety

Would you ever let a child under 4-years-old ride in your lap in a car? How about letting that same child sit in a car wearing only a lap belt? Hopefully not. So, why should it be any different on a plane? The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recently launched a year-long Child and Youth Transportation Safety Initiative to raise awareness of proper restraints for children on an airplane, which include either an FAA-approved car seat or the FAA-approved Child Aviation Restraint (CARES) harness by Kids Fly Safe.

Currently, lap-held children are still allowed on planes, even though it's a dangerous way to travel with children. No matter how hard a parent wants to hold onto a child, during times of heavy turbulence it's physically impossible to do so. Children



should always fly in their own seat using an approved restraint. CARES, the only FAA-approved harness-style device, is a smart option for parents who don't want to bring a car seat through security, the airport and down the narrow aisles of a plane. It is approved for all phases of flight, and takes just a minute to install. When not being used, CARES is small enough to be stored in a purse or diaper bag.

Will you be able to spread the word about the safe way for children under 4 to fly? For more information, you can visit the FAA site on Child Safety on Airplanes. [kidsflysafe.com](http://kidsflysafe.com)

