

## Child Safety Seat Checklist for AFC Pilots



### BEFORE FLIGHT DAY

\_\_\_ Talk to parent/guardian and confirm they understand that for any child (children) flying on your aircraft, under 40 pounds, **MUST be in a child safety seat (car seat)**.

\_\_\_ Confirm the weight of the child with the parent/guardian and have them check the maximum weight of the safety seat listed on the seat's label. The label should also say the following if FAA approved, "**This restraint certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft.**" If there is no tag on the safety seat or the tag reads, "**This restraint device is not approved for use in aircraft.**" The car seat may be old and it is **NOT ADVISED** that you allow the seat be used on your aircraft.

\_\_\_ Booster or Toddler car seats **should not be substituted** for a child safety seat or restraint system in an aircraft. If the family wishes to bring one along it should be declared as baggage weight on the itinerary.

### AT THE AIRPORT

\_\_\_ If the parent/guardian arrives at the airport without their child's safety seat; **do not agree to fly the child without a child safety seat**. Call the AFC office (816-421-2300) or Pager on evenings/weekends (800-474-9464).

\_\_\_ Check the maximum capacity of the child safety seat against the weight of the child listed on the itinerary.

\_\_\_ Have the parent/guardian buckle the child safety seat into the aircraft seat and also have them fasten the child into the car seat.

\_\_\_ Has the parent put the child safety seat and restraint in the correct position for the child's weight? The FAA recommends the following:

- Less than 20 pounds - - -Car seat is rear-facing
- 20 to 40 pounds - - - Car seat is forward-facing
- Over 40 pounds? - - - Use the airplane seat belt

\_\_\_ Pilots should then check both the safety seats attachment into the plane and the child's restraint in the car seat to be sure they are secure.

**CARES:** AFC Pilots are not required to purchase or use the CARES safety restraint system for children. However, CARES is the only FAA approved restraint device (2014). CARES does not fit all infants and children. Children **MUST** be at least 1 year old and weigh 22-44 pounds to use the system.

Click here to learn more→ [Child Aviation Restraint System](#)