

# Why was the Lil Bits CPS Program designed?

The Lil' Bits Child Passenger Safety Program was designed to keep children safe while traveling in a motor vehicle. Over 96% of children in the state of Florida are either not in child safety seats, not in the appropriate seat, not harnessed in the car seat properly, or the car seat is not installed in the vehicle properly. **Child restraint systems are 71% effective in reducing deaths for infants and 54% effective in reducing toddler deaths. Car seats in passenger cars reduce the need for hospitalization of children by 69%. Safe Kids Worldwide reports that young children restrained in child safety seats have an 80% lower risk of fatal injury than those who are unrestrained.**

Charlotte County Fire & EMS sent a group of Paramedics, Firefighters, and Public Information/Education personnel to a **Child Passenger Safety Technician Training Program** provided by Safe Kids Worldwide. This 4 day course trains and certifies participants to become Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Technicians are taught not only how to select and secure children in appropriate child safety restraint systems (car seats), but how to instruct others on how to correctly install car seats in vehicles.



For:

- More information
- To register for the Child Passenger Safety Class
- Have a Lil' Bits Sticker mailed to you

Please call:

Charlotte County Fire/EMS  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
941-833-5600

Program Sponsor



Charlotte Regional  
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# Lil' Bits Child Passenger Safety Program



## Charlotte County Fire/EMS

Headquarters  
26571 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33982  
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# HOW DID FIRE/EMS GET INTO THE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY BUSINESS?

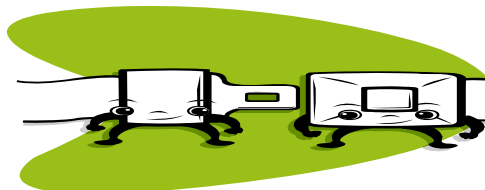
Vehicle safety has always been, and continues to be, a great concern of Firefighters, Paramedics, as well as, doctors, nurses and many other community organizations. **Charlotte County Fire & EMS and Charlotte Regional Medical Center** is proud to provide **The Lit' Bits Child Passenger Safety Program** for Charlotte County residents.

According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, 75% of motor vehicle crashes occur within 25 miles of the home. 60% of crashes occur on roads with posted speed limits of less than 40 mph. The latest National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics show that motor vehicle crashes account for nearly 42% of all unintentional childhood injury related deaths for children 14 and under. Statistics show the cost of motor vehicle crash deaths and injuries exceeding \$36 billion every year.



# Charlotte County Fire/EMS Working To Make Our Community Safer!

Charlotte County Fire/EMS is proud to report 6 years into the Lil' Bits Program the misuse rate of child transportation safety issues in Charlotte County decreased dramatically. Child Safety Seat Classes for the community are held every month at Fire/EMS Headquarters. Classes focus on the importance of appropriate choice and use of restraints and correct installation of restraints in vehicles. CC Fire/EMS assisted in the facilitation child passenger safety programs in other agencies such as Englewood Area Fire Control District, Charlotte County Public School Bus Transportation and Charlotte County Public Schools Academy.



The importance of proper use of Seat Belts is a MUST for safe travel!

## A Lit' Bit About a Lil' Bit Sticker

Car Seat Safety Program sponsored by: Charlotte County Fire/EMS  
Charlotte Regional Medical Center

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

After filling in information on the Lil' Bits Car Seat Sticker, place the sticker on the back, side or bottom of the child's car seat, out of public view.



Place the round sticker on the BACK of the vehicle rear view mirror.