

5 Point Safety Harness until Age 6

This past weekend, we took our kids down to the Monterey Bay Aquarium to see the fish. They had a wonderful time watching the beautiful jelly fish, sharks, "Nemo", penguins, otters and more. We really had a nice weekend and I had a great Mothers Day. However, our crazy little 2 year old was at it again. This time, the car seat was the problem.

I am not sure how many of you know this, but our 2 year old is a modern day Houdini who can get into or out of any child safety device or restraint, including a car seat, within moments. When she hit 2.5 years old and was well over 30 pounds, we asked the pediatrician what we should do about her unlocking and climbing out of her toddler car seat while we were driving. He suggested that since she was watching her older sisters sit in booster seats in the car and since she was over 30 pounds and as tall as a 4 year old, maybe we should try a booster seat with the shoulder restraint. So, we did.

This worked pretty well. I say pretty well because this past weekend I turned around to find our little nut had pulled the shoulder strap down and was standing on the seat while we were on the freeway. I just about had a heart attack and am now feeling very uncertain about putting this kid in a car ever again. Maybe we will just walk everywhere until she is over 10. It would certainly be more economical and environmentally friendly. But seriously, when I started doing a little poking around, I learned something very important:

Children under 6 should be in 5 point safety harnesses every time they are in a car.

Grab the box of kleenex for this one, but pay attention to this little guy's message. It could save your child's life.