

IS YOUR CHILD READY TO GRADUATE TO THE NEXT SEAT?

INFANTS UNTIL AT LEAST 1 YEAR OLD AND AT LEAST 20 POUNDS SHOULD BE IN REAR-FACING CAR SEATS.

Never put an infant in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag!*

Route harness straps in lower slots at or below shoulder level when rear-facing.



Keep harness straps snug and fasten harness clip at armpit level.

Put car seat carrying handle down.

REAR-FACING CAR SEAT (INFANT OR CONVERTIBLE)

Infants must ride in the back seat facing the rear of the vehicle. This offers the best protection for your infant's neck.

Recline a rear-facing seat at a 45 degree angle. A firmly rolled up towel under the car seat may help.

* Unless you have a manual cut-off switch and you have turned it off!

FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT.

Keep harness straps snug.

Route harness straps in upper slots at or above shoulder level.



Fasten harness clip at armpit level.

Place car seat in upright position.

KIDS OVER 1 YEAR OLD AND BETWEEN 20 AND 40 POUNDS CAN BE IN FORWARD-FACING CAR SEATS.

KIDS BETWEEN 40 AND ABOUT 60/80 POUNDS (USUALLY 4 TO 8 YEARS OLD) SHOULD BE IN BOOSTER SEATS.

Kids this size are too small to fit correctly in adult safety belts alone.

These seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belts.



A booster seat makes lap shoulder belts fit correctly: low over hips and upper thighs and snug over the shoulders.

BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEAT



If your vehicle has a low back seat and your child's ears are above it, you need a high back booster seat to protect the head.

HIGH BACK BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEAT

If your child is over 40 pounds and you only have lap belts in your back seat, you may:

Buy a special car seat that is for kids who weigh more than 40 pounds.

Contact an auto dealership about installing shoulder belt.

Correctly restrain your child in a car booster seat in the front seat using a lap/shoulder belt and move vehicle seat as far back as possible.



Never put shoulder belts under kids' arms or behind their backs.

Lap and shoulder belts should fit low over hips and upper thighs and snug over the shoulders.

To fit correctly in a safety belt, kids must be tall enough to sit with knees bent at the edge of the seat without slouching.

LAP/SHOULDER BELT

USUALLY KIDS OVER 80 POUNDS AND 8 YEARS OLD CAN FIT CORRECTLY IN LAP/SHOULDER BELTS.

Remember to read and follow your vehicle Owner's Manual and Car Seat Instructions carefully.

ALL VIPs RIDE IN THE BACK SEAT.

If it is absolutely necessary for a child to ride in the front seat with a passenger air bag:

- Never put a rear-facing infant (less than one year old for under 20 pounds) in the front seat.
- Secure the child properly in the correct restraint.
- Move the front seat as far back from the dashboard as possible.
- Never allow the child to lean toward the dashboard.



KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFER WITH A TETHER!



To attach the tether strap to the vehicle, your vehicle needs a tether anchor. See your automobile dealer's parts department to order a tether anchor for installation.

BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD, READ THIS.

Take a minute to be sure your child is riding safely. Study your vehicle owner's manual and car seat instructions carefully.

Send in the car seat registration card to be notified in case your car seat is recalled. If you have any questions, call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline (888-DASH-2DOT).

Replace any car seat that has been involved in a crash.

Route the safety belt correctly through the car seat.

Correctly buckle the car seat into the vehicle.

Get a tight fit. The seat should not move more than one inch from side to side or toward the front of the vehicle.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to see if you need a locking clip. Not all safety belts will secure your car seat without it.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT THE WEBSITES BELOW.

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety
www.aafts.org

Buckle Up Florida
www.buckleupflorida.com

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
www.hwysafety.org

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Safe Kids Campaign
www.safekids.org

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4 OUT OF 5 CAR SEATS ARE USED WRONG.



COULD YOURS BE ONE OF THEM?