

Child safety seats are required by law in every state because they provide the best protection for infants and young children.

Extra safety tips

- Never place your infant rear-facing in the front seat of a vehicle that has air bags.
- Never let the shoulder part of a lap-shoulder belt fall behind the back or under the arm of a child.
- **NEVER** hold a child on your lap, even in a safety belt.
- Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across upper thighs to avoid abdominal injuries.
- Bulky clothes can increase the chances of your baby being hurt if there is a crash. Remove bulky coats, jackets or sweaters before you buckle in your child. You can lay these over the straps to keep your child warm.



Child safety seats

How to Buckle Up Correctly

Child restraint recommendations

Infants/Toddlers

Type of Seat

Infant seats and rear-facing convertible seats

General Guidelines

All infants and toddlers should ride in a **Rear-Facing Car Safety Seat** until they are 2 years of age or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat's manufacturer.

Toddlers/Preschoolers

Type of Seat

Convertible seats and forward-facing seats with harnesses

General Guidelines

All children 2 years or older, and those younger than 2 years who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their car safety seat, should use a Forward-Facing Car Safety Seat with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat's manufacturer.

School-Aged Children

Type of Seat

Booster Seats

General Guidelines

All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their car safety seat should use a **Belt-Positioning Booster Seat** until the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age.

Older Children

Type of Seat

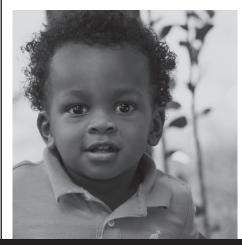
Seat Belts

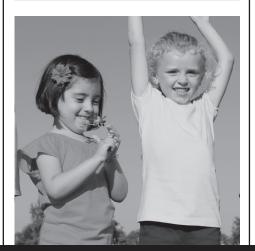
General Guidelines

When children are old enough and large enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts for optimal protection.

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