



*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.



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# 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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