

Car Seat Safety Tips

Only 1 out of 4 child car seats are properly installed in the United States. Many injuries and deaths are avoidable with the use of proper restraints like child car seats, booster seats, and seat belts.

0–2+ years



Babies should sit in a **rear-facing** car seat until they reach the height or weight limit specified for that direction on the car seat.

2–4+ years



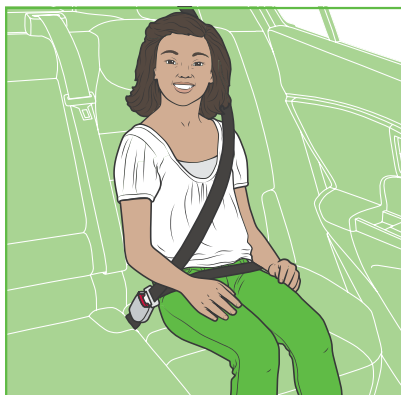
Toddlers should use a **forward-facing** car seat with a harness until they reach the height or weight limit specified on the car seat.

4–8+ years



Children **shorter than 4'9"** should use a booster seat.

8–12+ years



A **seat belt** should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest.

The car seat's harness should be tight on the child so that you can't pinch any extra strap webbing at the shoulder.

The chest clip should be at armpit level on the child.

To install the car seat, use your vehicle's seat belt **OR** lower anchors, usually not both.

Once installed in your car, the car seat should not move more than 1 inch from side to side.

All children under 13 are SAFEST IN THE BACK SEAT.

For free help installing your child's car seat, please call **513-803-RIDE** to schedule an appointment.

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