

ALWAYS PRACTICE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY!

REMEMBER: The back seat is the safest place in a crash. Children age 12 and under should ride properly restrained in back. Infants riding rear-facing must NEVER be placed in front of an airbag.

CHOOSING AND USING THE CORRECT SEAT



AGE: Birth to 1 year
WEIGHT: Up to 35 pounds

TYPE OF SEAT:

Infant-only **A** or Rear-facing Convertible **B**

DIRECTION TO FACE:

Infants should ride rear-facing to at least 1 year of age AND at least 20 pounds. The seat should be at a 30–45 degree angle to keep the child's head from falling forward. Do not tip it too far back or the child could come out of the seat in a crash.



NOTE:

Infants who outgrow a smaller infant-only seat before 1 year of age should ride rear-facing in a child safety seat with a higher rear-facing weight limit (over 22 pounds).



AGE: Over 1 year to 4 years old
WEIGHT: 20 to 40 pounds

TYPE OF SEAT: Convertible or Forward-Facing Only

DIRECTION TO FACE: A child over 1 year of age AND over 20 pounds may ride facing forward. Use the upright position or the position recommended by the manufacturer.



NOTE:

Keep the child in a child safety seat with a full harness as long as possible, preferably until 4 years old. For children 40 pounds or more who are too young or too active to sit still in a booster seat, or if a vehicle has only lap belts, look for child restraints with harnesses labeled for use over 40 pounds.



AGE: 4 to 8 years old
WEIGHT: Over 40 pounds

TYPE OF SEAT: Belt-positioning Booster Seat, backless **D** or high-back **C**

DIRECTION TO FACE: Forward-Facing



NOTE:

All children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least 8 years old, unless they are 4'9" tall.



To find a Child Safety Seat Fitting Station near you, call (860) 594-2173.

REMEMBER: To do its job, a child safety seat must be held securely against the vehicle seat back. If the lap part of the safety belt is not tight or the safety seat slides around on the vehicle seat, your child may not be protected.

TRAVELING SAFELY WITH CHILDREN: THE BASICS

- Everybody needs a child safety seat, booster seat, or safety belt!
- There must be one safety belt for each person. Buckling two people, even children, into one belt could injure both.
- People who are not buckled up can be thrown from the car or around inside the car, and seriously hurt themselves or others.
- Never hold a child on your lap! You could crush him/her in a crash, or the child may be torn from your arms.
- Never ride in the cargo area of a station wagon, van, or pickup! Anyone riding in the cargo area could be thrown out and severely injured or killed.

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