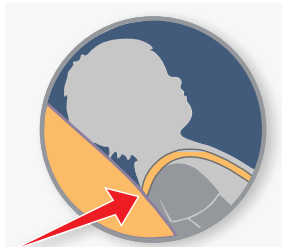


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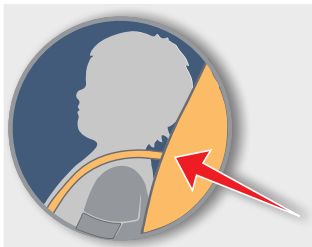
## Harness Straps

- **Rear-Facing:** position harnesses at or **BELOW** the shoulders.
- **Forward-Facing:** position harnesses at or **ABOVE** the shoulder.



### REAR-FACING

position harness straps at or **BELOW** the shoulder.



### FORWARD-FACING

position harness straps at or **ABOVE** the shoulder.

- Should fit snugly - unable to pinch any excess webbing.
- Should not be twisted or torn.
- Position harness(chest) clip at armpit level.



### PINCHING

Indicates that the strap is too loose



### NO PINCHING

Indicates that the strap is tight enough

## Installation

- Must be locked in using the seat belt OR lower anchors (and tether if forward facing).
- Seat should not move more than one inch from side to side at belt path.



### REAR-FACING



### FORWARD-FACING



## Keep Your Child Safe

Please be sure to choose the right seat for your child's age and height, and install it correctly.



# Growing and Going Safely

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## Car and Booster Seat Basics



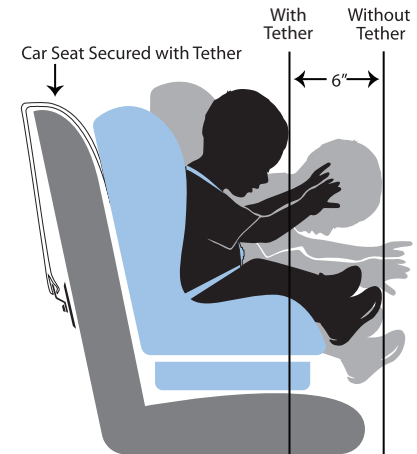
# Choosing the Right Car Seat

The following “best practice” recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics keep children as safe as possible in the car. Parents are encouraged to delay transition to the next stage as long as possible.

**Parents Remember:  
Until 4'9" Boost 'Em  
Every Time!**



## ALWAYS ANCHOR TOP TETHER With Forward Facing Car Seat



- Use of the top tether reduces forward movement in a crash up to 6 inches.
- The tether strap comes attached to the back of your forward facing car seat.
- Refer to your vehicle owner's manual to locate the tether anchor.

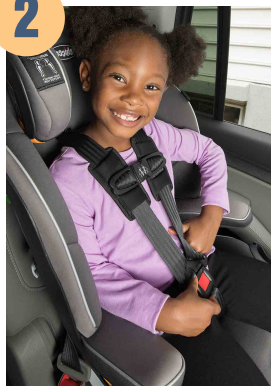
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### Rear-facing Car Seat

- Infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat.
- Many rear-facing car seats have weight limits up to 40-50 pounds.

2



### Car Seat with Harness

- Children who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat should ride in a forward-facing car seat with harness straps.
- Some car seats have forward-facing limits of 65 to 90 pounds when used with harness straps.

3



### Booster Seat (up to 4'9")

- Children who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat with harness should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle seat belt fits correctly.
- Most children will not reach 4'9" until they are around 8-12 years old.

4



### Seat Belt in the BACK SEAT (up to age 13)

- Children under 13 who have outgrown their belt-positioning booster seat should ride in the back seat with properly secured seat belt.

### Five-step test: Moving from a Booster Seat to a Seatbelt

#### Must Say Yes to all 5



1

Back against vehicle seat; no slouching.



2

Knees bend at edge of seat.



3

Lap belt low across upper thighs & shoulder belt across mid shoulder.



4

Feet rest on floor.



5

Remain in position entire trip.

*Most children need a booster until 8-12 years old*



### Washington's Child Restraint Law says:

- Children up to age 2 must ride in a rear-facing car seat.
- Children ages 2-4 must ride in a car seat with a harness (rear or forward facing).
- Children 4 and older must ride in a car or booster seat until they are 4'9" tall.
- Children up to age 13 must ride in the back seat when practical.

The law represents the minimum protection required for a child.

**ALWAYS** consult owner's manual of vehicle and child restraint for proper use and installation.