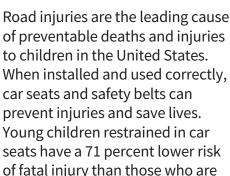


## **Car Seat Safety**



### **Rear-Facing Car Seats**

unrestrained.

Children should ride in a rearfacing car seat until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat.

- 1. Put harnesses through the slots so they are even with or below the child's shoulders.
- 2. Use the vehicle's seat belt or LATCH system to install the car seat into the back seat of your vehicle.
- 3. Your car seat should not move more than one inch side to side or front to back at the belt path.
- 4. Make sure the car seat is reclined to the recommended angle.
- 5. Tighten the harness enough that the webbing cannot be pinched between your fingers at the shoulder.
- 6. Adjust the chest clip to armpit level.

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Sources: Safe Kids Worldwide, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, American Academy of Pediatrics.



### **Forward-Facing Car Seats**

Children should use a forwardfacing car seat with a harness up to the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat.

- Put harnesses through the slots so they are even with or above the child's shoulders.
- 2. Use the seat belt or LATCH system to install the car seat into the back seat of your vehicle.
- 3. Use a top tether if your vehicle and car seat are both so equipped.
- 4. Your car seat should not move more than one inch side to side or front to back at the belt path.
- 5. Tighten the harness enough that the webbing cannot be pinched between your fingers at the shoulder.
- 6. Adjust the chest clip to armpit level.

# Take the next step to a booster seat when you answer "yes" to any of these questions:

- Is your child over age 4 <u>AND</u> weighs over 40 pounds?
- Are your child's shoulders above the car seat's top harness slots?





#### **Booster Seats**

Children should use a booster seat until they have reached 4 feet 9 inches, which can be between the ages of 8 and 12 years.

- 1. Set the booster on your vehicle seat.
- 2. Have your child buckle up using the lap and shoulder seat belt.
- 3. Use a booster with a back if your vehicle does not have a headrest or high enough seat back.

### **Safety Belts**

Children 13 and younger should sit in the back seat for the best protection.

- Children should not put the shoulder belt under their arm or behind their back.
- Tell every driver that transports your child that seat belt use is a must.

### **Important Reminders**

- 1. Always read and follow manufacturer's instructions.
- 2. Be sure to send in your car seat registration card so you can be notified of potential recalls.
- 3. Destroy your car seat after it is expired or in a crash.
- 4. Find a car seat technician if you are unsure about your car seat.