

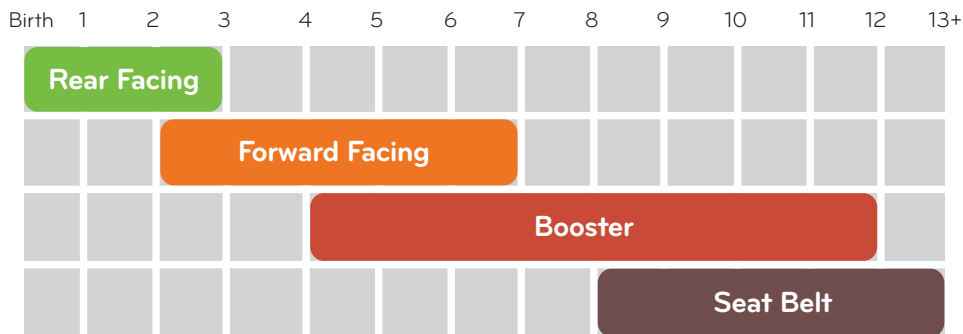


CAR SEAT SAFETY BEST PRACTICES



Car Seat Best Practices

Age (Years)



Rear Facing

Includes Infant Car Seats and Convertible Car Seats



Forward Facing

Includes Convertible Car Seats, All-in-One Car Seats and Combination Seats

Suggestion: Move to forward facing starting at age 2 years old.



Booster

Includes All-in-One Car Seats, Combination Seats, Highback Boosters and No Back Boosters



Seat Belt

Suggestion: Move to seat belt starting at age 9 years old. (2 states require the age of 9 for their booster laws, all others are 8 or under depending on height/weight.)

Need Expert Advice? Turn to Evenflo ParentLink®. Complete access to expert safety guidance, installation instruction, step-by-step product assistance, replacement support, warranty help, and beyond.

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Kids grow quickly!

Make sure your car seat selection fits their age, weight and height

Child #1

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Weight: _____

Height: _____

Seat Recommendation:

- Rear Facing Booster
 Forward Facing Seat Belt

Child #2

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Weight: _____

Height: _____

Seat Recommendation:

- Rear Facing Booster
 Forward Facing Seat Belt

Child #3

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Weight: _____

Height: _____

Seat Recommendation:

- Rear Facing Booster
 Forward Facing Seat Belt

General Tips *for installation, harnessing and proper use*

Installation

- Review car seat instructions before beginning. Always follow the specific guidance provided by your manufacturer.
- Choose either the vehicle seat belt OR the lower anchors to install your car seat. Using both together, if not approved by the manufacturer, may cause the seat to be too loose.
- Always use the tether located on the back of your car seat when installing a forward-facing harnessed car seat. Check your vehicle manual for tether anchor locations. Make sure to store tethers when rear facing to avoid injury.
- Once installed, the car seat should not move more than 1" from side-to-side or front-to-back at the belt path.

Harnessing

- When rear-facing, the harness straps should be in a slot that is at or below the child's shoulders.
- When forward-facing, the harness straps should be in a slot that is at or above the child's shoulders.
- The chest clip should be placed at armpit level.
- To check the harness for tightness, test at the child's shoulders. You should not be able to pinch any of the harness fabric together.
- In cold weather, place a blanket over the child once they are harnessed in their car seat. Bulky coats or snowsuits will make it difficult to properly tighten the harness.

Proper Use

- Car seats are designed for travel. They should not be used outside the vehicle as a sleeping or positioning device.
- Car seats should not be placed on elevated surfaces, like counter tops, tables or inside shopping carts.
- Only use products that have been specifically approved by your manufacturer with your car seat (Such as mirrors, toys that attach to the seat handle and seat protector pads).
- Never leave a child alone in the car.



Frequently Asked Questions

When should I turn my child around in their car seat?

- ➔ Infants and young children should remain rear-facing as long as possible. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children remain rear-facing until they are at least two years old, or until they have exceeded the height and weight limits for their rear-facing car seat.

When should my child start using a booster seat?

- ➔ At a minimum, your child should be 4 years old to use a booster seat. Your child must be mature enough to sit in the booster seat with the seat belt in the proper position – without putting it under their arm, behind their back or slouching. The lap belt should be low and snug across the hips and the shoulder belt should cross the chest and shoulder.

How can I check to make sure my car seat is properly installed?

- ➔ Find a certified car seat technician near you! Visit <http://cert.safekids.org/>
You can also reach out to your car seat manufacturer for questions and advice on product use.