

## Installing a Car Seat

Find a convenient spot in the rear of your car to install the seat. The middle rear seat is usually the safest, but some cars do not have latches in the middle. Never install a car seat in the front seats.



### Installing the rear facing infant seat (seat belt install)

1. Guide the shoulder belt through the proper slots on the safety seat.
2. Buckle the seat belt on the other end and make sure that the car seat is at an approximate 45-degree angle.
3. You're done!



### Installing the forward facing toddler seat (seat belt install):

1. Slide the seat belt through the seat belt path.
  2. Buckle the seat belt on the other end.
  3. You're done!
- **ADJUST RECLINE** – Rear facing, use position 1-fully reclined. Forward facing, use positions 2 or
  - **ATTACH LATCH, REAR FACING** – LATCH Belt is to be routed through lower front belt path holes. Lift pad to assure LATCH Belt is not twisted.
  - **ATTACH LATCH, FORWARD FACING** – LATCH Belt is to be routed through rear belt path holes. Lift pad to assure LATCH Belt is not twisted. Remember to use top tether.
  - **CHECK FOR TIGHT FIT** – Once installed tightly, the child restraint should not move more than 1" forward or side-to-side at the belt path.
  - **ADJUST HARNESS STRAPS** – Harness straps should be at the shoulder level of the child. Place red harness tabs at shoulder level.
  - **SECURE CHILD** – Chest clip should be level with the child's armpits and the 5-point harness should be securely buckled.

## Types of car safety seats at a glance

The chart below is a quick guide on where to start your search. However, it's important to read more about the features and how to use your car safety seat.

Age	Type of Seat	General Guideline
Infants	Infant seats and rear-facing convertible seats	All infants should <i>always</i> ride rear-facing until they are at least 1 year of age <i>and</i> weigh at least 20 pounds.
Toddlers/Preschoolers	Convertible seats	It is best to ride rear-facing as long as possible. Children 1 year of age <i>and</i> at least 20 pounds can ride forward-facing.
School-aged children	Booster seats	Booster seats are for older children who have outgrown their forward-facing car safety seats. Children should stay in a booster seat until adult belts fit correctly (usually when a child reaches about 4' 9" in height and is between 8 and 12 years of age).
Older children	Seat belts	Children who have outgrown their booster seats should ride in a lap and shoulder belt in the back seat until 13 years of age.