

Refer to these checklists to guide you to use your child car seat correctly.

Both directions of use

- Read manuals for vehicle and child car seat
- Child seat is located on a forward-facing vehicle seat (rear middle preferred)
- Universal Anchorage System (UAS) or seat belt is in belt path closest to the back of the vehicle seat
- Seat belt is locked
- Secured tight—less than 2.5 cm (1") of movement (side to side/front to back) when tested at the belt path
- Harness is fastened (both latches secure)
- Harness is snug—cannot pinch a fold in the harness at the collarbone
- Chest clip is at armpit level

Rear-facing

- Not in front of an active airbag
- Reclined to 45°
- Harness is at or below child's shoulder
- Handle position is in the position stated in the child seat instructions

Forward-facing

- Child seat is upright
- Harness is at or above child's shoulder
- Tether is attached to the proper anchor
- Tether is snug

Choosing the Right Child Car Seat

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Which car seat is right for your child?

Birth to one year

For the first year, your child uses a rear-facing child car seat like the ones below.



Infant seat



Infant/child seat (convertible)

Over one year

When your child is over one year AND over 10 kg (22 lb.) they may be able to use a forward-facing child car seat. Always check the child seat manual instructions.



Note: Keep your child rear-facing until they reach the rear-facing weight or height limit. Check the label on the child seat or the manual for the rear-facing weight and height limits.

- When your child outgrows an infant seat, move to a rear-facing infant/child or infant/child/booster seat.
- Move to a forward-facing seat when your child reaches the weight or height limit of their rear-facing seat.
- Keep your child in a forward-facing seat until they reach the weight or height limit of that seat.

Under nine years

Once your child has reached 18 kg (40 lbs) they can either remain in a harnessed forward-facing child car seat or use a booster seat.

Note: Keep your child in a harnessed forward-facing child seat until they reach the forward-facing weight or height limit. Check the label on the child seat or the manual for the forward-facing weight and height limits.

- Booster seats are for children over 18 kg (40 lbs) until they are nine years old OR have reached a height of 145 cm (4'9").
- A booster seat raises the child to correctly position the seat belt over the shoulder and across the chest and hips.
- Booster seats must be used with a shoulder/lap seat belt.

