

Four Steps to Safety

Step 1: Rear-Facing

For the best possible protection keep infants in a back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible, up to the maximum weight or height limit of the car seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing to **at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds.**



Step 2: Forward-Facing

When children outgrow their rear-facing car seats, they should ride in a forward-facing child safety seats, in a back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of their particular seat (**usually around age 4 years and 40 pounds.**)



Step 3: Belt-Positioning Booster Seats

Once children outgrow their forward-facing car seat, they should ride in belt-positioning booster seats, in a back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays low and snug across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the center of the chest and shoulder (**usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall.**)



Step 4: Seat Belt

When children outgrow their belt-positioning booster seats, they can use the adult seat belt in a back seat if it fits properly, (the lap belt lays low and snug across the hips/upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the center of the chest and shoulder). **All children under age 13 should ride in a back seat.**



Check List for Transporting Kids

Step 1: Rear-Facing

- Harness straps at or below shoulder level.
- Harness straps fit snugly on the child with the harness retainer clip at armpit level.
- Child safety seat should be secured with the vehicle seat belt or LATCH system routed through the correct belt path.
- Seat belt/LATCH is tight and locked in place allowing no more than one inch of side-to-side movement.

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Step 3: Belt-Positioning Booster Seats

- Always used with lap and shoulder belt.
- Shoulder belt should rest snugly across the center of the chest and shoulder.
- Lap belt should be placed low and snug across the hips/upper thighs.

Step 4: Seat Belt

- Sit with back and hips against the vehicle seat back without slouching.
- Bend the knees easily over the front edge of the vehicle seat with their feet flat on the floor.
- Shoulder belt should rest snugly across the center of the chest and shoulder.
- Lap belt should be placed low and snug across the hips/upper thighs.



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