



Tips for Car Seat Safety for Children 4 to 7 Years Old

Children between 4 and 7 years old should ride in a forward-facing car seat with a harness. Once he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer, then your child can use a booster seat.

Forward-Facing Car Seats

Always:

- Read the instructions before you use the car seat. Also read your car owner's manual.
- Install the car seat in the back seat of your vehicle and never in front of an active airbag.
- Make sure the car seat is tightly secured in your vehicle, using either the seat belt and tether or the LATCH system for installation.
- Properly position the harness on your child. Harness straps should lie flat and be placed through the slots located at or above your child's shoulders.

- Buckle the harness, and the chest clip, and tighten. The harness is snug enough when you cannot pinch any extra material at the shoulder.
- Place the chest clip at armpit level.

Booster Seats

Always:

- Read the instructions before you use the booster seat. Also, read your car's owner's manual.
- Place the booster seat flat on the vehicle seat, in the back seat.
- Have your child sit on the booster seat and buckle the seat belt.
- Make sure the seat belt fits your child properly.
- Adjust the lap belt so it lies snugly across your child's upper thighs, not across the stomach. Adjust the shoulder belt so it rests across the chest; it should never touch the neck.

Get Automatic Recall Information

Register your seat right after installation. If it is found to have a possible safety problem, the maker of the seat will provide instructions.



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