

Child Passenger Safety

1. Right Seat

Check the car seat label to ensure it is appropriate for the child's age, weight, and height.

2. Right Place

Keep children in the back seat until they are 13.

3. Right Direction

Place children in a rear-facing car seat until, at least, age 2.

4. Inch Test

Shake the car seat at the base after installing. A properly installed car seat will not move more than an inch.

5. Pinch Test

Make sure the harness is tightly buckled. With the chest clip placed at armpit level, pinch the strap and the child's shoulder. If you are unable to pinch any excess webbing, the harness is correctly tightened.

The type of child safety seat needed is primarily determined by age. After age, height and weight may be factors depending on manufacturer's requirements.



Rear-Facing Car Seat

Children **under 2**



Forward-Facing Car Seat

Children **at least 2**



Booster Seat

Children **at least 4** -
lap and shoulder
belt must be used



Seat Belt

Children **at least 8**
or **at least 57 inches**
tall (4'9")

Be sure your child's passenger safety seat is correctly installed. Find a certified **Child Passenger Safety Technician** near you:
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats#installation-help-inspection>

