

# Child Passenger Safety

When choosing a car seat, always follow manufacturer's instructions and consider the child's age, weight, height, and development level.



**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")

## 1. Right Seat

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

## 2. Right Time

Buckle children in the back seat until they are 13.

## 3. Right Way

Place children in a rear-facing car seat as long as possible.

## 4. Inch Test

Shake the car seat at the base, where secured. 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 at the child's shoulder. If you are unable to pinch any excess webbing, the harness is correctly tightened.

Be sure your child's passenger safety seat is correctly installed. Email [FireSafeSC@lrr.sc.gov](mailto:FireSafeSC@lrr.sc.gov) to schedule an installation.