OLDER CHILD
8 TO 12 YEARS
BOOSTER SEAT/SEAT BELT

- Children should remain in a booster seat until they reach the appropriate size to use a seat belt. Follow the manufacturer’s height and weight guidelines.
- Always ride in the back seat with a safety belt until the age of 13.
- Position the shoulder belt across the child’s shoulder and chest. It should never rest across the neck, be placed under the arms, or put behind the back.
- The lap belt should rest across the child’s upper thighs and never across the stomach.

NEVER ALLOW A CHILD TO RIDE UNRESTRAINED!

SAFETY TIPS

NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD IN A CAR
Children die every year from heat stroke after being left in a vehicle. Temperatures inside a car can reach deadly levels within minutes, causing severe brain damage and death. Infants and children are at the greatest risk of overheating since their bodies absorb more heat than an adult, allowing their body temperature to increase three to five times faster. In addition, leaving your child alone in a car puts them at risk to be kidnapped. Don’t let this happen to your child. Always look in the front and back seat of your vehicle before locking it. Never let children play in the car and keep keys out of children’s reach. If you see a child left alone in a hot vehicle, please call 911 immediately.

TAKE A 360
Before starting your vehicle and driving away, always take one complete walk around it to ensure that there are no small children playing near or under your vehicle.

AIR BAGS AREN’T GOOD FOR KIDS
Air bags save lives, however, children can be seriously injured or even die when an air bag deploys during a crash. The safest place for your child is in the back seat, even if your vehicle doesn’t have air bags.

CHILD PASSENGER
SAFETY
KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN AND AROUND CARS.

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DON’T PUT YOUR CHILD AT RISK.
INFANT
BIRTH TO 12 MONTHS
REAR FACING CAR SEAT

TODDLER
1 TO 3 YEARS
REAR FACING/FORWARD FACING CAR SEAT

CHILD
4 TO 7 YEARS
FORWARD FACING CAR SEAT/BOOSTER SEAT

Every manufacturer provides an instruction manual with specific details on installation and proper use of the safety seat. Always read and follow their instructions.

• Always ride in the back seat, rear facing, using a convertible seat or infant seat.

• Position the harness straps at or below the shoulders keeping them snug, straight, and flat.

• Harness straps should never be twisted or loose.

• Position the harness chest clip at the middle of the chest and level with the armpits.

Buckle up the right way every day!

• Children 1 to 3 should remain rear facing in the back seat until they are ready to transition into a forward facing position based upon the manufacturer’s guidelines.

• Position the harness straps at or above the shoulders, keeping them straight, snug, and flat.

• Five-point harness is in the correct position, safely secured to the vehicle using the LATCH system or vehicle seat belt.

• Position the harness chest clip at the middle of the chest and level with the armpits.

• Children 4 to 7 should remain in a forward facing car seat until they are ready to transition into a booster seat based upon the manufacturer’s guidelines.

• Upon transitioning into a booster seat, children should remain forward facing in the back seat at all times.

• Always use the lap belt AND shoulder belt with booster seats. The shoulder belt should never rest across the neck, be placed under the arms, or put behind the back.

• The lap belt should rest across the child’s upper thighs and never across the stomach.