

Car Seat Safety

Automobile collisions are the leading cause of death for children. Small details can allow - or prevent - serious injuries to children in car seats. Safety requires the right size and style car seat for your child's height and weight. Correct installation is vital. Give your children the best protection; learn proper car seat installation and have a free car seat inspection and by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Lexlee Overton.

The American Academy of Pediatrics states that the best baby car seat is "the one that fits your child's size, is correctly installed, and is used properly every time you drive."



Infants - from birth to at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds

For the best possible protection, keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing until age 1 and at least 20 pounds.

- *Once your child outgrows their rear-facing seat (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) the next step is Step 2: Forward Facing Seats.*

Toddlers - Age 1 & 20 lbs to Age 4 & 40 lbs

When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).

Once your child outgrows their forward-facing seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds) they are ready for Step 3: Booster Seats.

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Children - from about age 4 to at least age 8

Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall).

- *Once your child outgrows their booster seat (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall) they are ready to learn about Step 4: Seat Belts.*

Tweens - age 8 and older

When children outgrow their booster seats, (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall) they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest).



THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS STATES:

The "best" car safety seat is the one that fits your child, that fits your vehicle, and that you will use correctly for every trip.

If you would like to have your child seat inspected and installed, please call our office at 225-761-7272 to schedule a FREE appointment.

Lexlee Overton is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and will personally install and teach proper installation to any parent or caregiver.

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