

# Forward-Facing Seat **STAGE 2**

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Car Seat  
Safety Information  
for Parents & Caregivers

**Child safety  
seats work  
best when  
used correctly.**

**4 out of 5 parents  
can use a helping  
hand.**



- When a child has outgrown a rear facing seat, they may be turned forward facing. This is usually around 2 years old.
- Keep children harnessed until they reach their seat's upper weight or height limit.
- Harness straps at or above the shoulder.
- High-weight harness seats protect children that are under four years old and weigh more than 40 pounds. These seats harness to 50, 65 or 85 pounds, depending on the model.
- Harness to a minimum of four years old AND 40 pounds.

**Rear-facing beyond one year and 20 pounds is  
five times safer than forward-facing.**

**Children are safest in the back seat!**

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**Children are depending on you to properly buckle them up.**

## **All Harnessed Seats:**

- ➡ Check both the car seat owner's manual and the vehicle manual for proper installation.
- ➡ Check labels to determine the correct belt path.
- ➡ Use the seat belt or LATCH, not both.
- ➡ The seat belt must be locked when used with a car seat. See the vehicle manual for instructions.
- ➡ Make sure the seat is secured and snug to the vehicle with less than one inch of side-to-side movement. Check by placing hands at the belt path and pulling.
- ➡ Place the chest clip at armpit level.
- ➡ Make sure nothing is behind or under the seat or child—no bunting, blankets or bulky clothing.
- ➡ Harness must be flat and smooth—no twists.
- ➡ Harness must be snug. If it can be pinched at the shoulder, tighten the harness.



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