

Rear-Facing Seat **STAGE 1**

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Car Seat
Safety Information
for Parents & Caregivers

Keep our children safe by starting with a rear-facing car seat.

➡ Children should ride rear facing until 2 years old. This gives soft bones the time to strengthen.



➡ Never place a rear facing seat in the front seat or in front of an active airbag.

➡ Harness straps at or below the shoulders.

➡ Never place an infant-only car seat in a forward-facing position.

➡ Check car seat owner's manual for proper fit of harness to child.

**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 0-24 months are less likely to be severely injured when using a rear-facing car seat.

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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