



Steps to safety: a checklist to help you buckle up your child

Baby/Toddler

Face rear as long as possible (at least age 2 or more)

1 Selection

- ☐ Rear-facing-only seat or rear-facing convertible.



2 Direction

- ☐ Recline seat and face the back of the car. Don't worry about feet touching vehicle seat.

3 Location

- ☐ Install in the back seat.
- ☐ **Never** place in front of an air bag.



4 Adjust harness

- ☐ Place harness straps at or below shoulder level.
- ☐ Check harness instructions carefully – does the harness have short and long lengths?
- ☐ Move buckle strap, if necessary.



5 Installing your seat

- ☐ Put belt through rear-facing belt path on seat or base (if using base with rear-facing-only seat) **OR**
- ☐ Put lower connector strap through rear-facing belt path or base.
- ☐ **Buckle, lock* and tighten** the belt **OR** attach lower connector strap to anchors** and tighten.
- ☐ Check angle of seat:
 - ☐ Head does not flop forward
 - ☐ Inch of plastic above head
- ☐ Check tightness – seat moves less than 1 inch to sides or front of car.

6 Buckling up your child

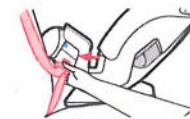
- ☐ Add or remove padding – check weight limits.
- ☐ Buckle harness at crotch.
- ☐ Tighten harness until snug; do the pinch test.
- ☐ Chest clip at armpit level.
- ☐ Check harness straps at or below shoulder level.



* How to lock your safety belt

BUCKLE X LOCK X TIGHTEN

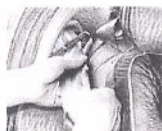
- 1 ☐ Find the safety belt path on the safety seat for rear facing. (Check instructions.)



- 2 ☐ Thread the belt through the belt path and buckle it.



- 3 ☐ Slowly pull the belt all the way out at the top, then feed it back in a little. If you can't pull it out again, the belt is now locked.

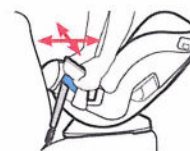


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- 4 ☐ Press the safety seat into the vehicle seat. Tighten the belt by feeding all the slack back into the top.

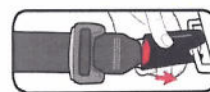


- 5 ☐ Check seat is tightly installed. Pull to side and front above the belt path. Seat should not move more than 1 inch.



** Attaching the lower connectors

- ☐ Attach connectors to lower bars in vehicle. Tighten.



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Preschoolers – at least 2 years – 6 years old Forward-facing with harness

1 Selection

- ☐ Forward-facing seat with harness.
Most fit up to 50–80 lbs.

2 Direction

- ☐ Install in upright position, facing front of the car.

3 Location

- ☐ Install in the back seat.
- ☐ May install in the front **only** if all rear seats are occupied by other children. Move vehicle seat as far back as possible.

4 Adjust harness

- ☐ Place harness straps at or above shoulder level.
- ☐ Move buckle strap, if necessary.



5 Installing your seat

- ☐ Put belt through forward-facing belt path **OR**
- ☐ Put lower connector strap through forward-facing belt path.
- ☐ **Buckle, lock* and tighten** the belt **OR** attach lower connector strap to anchors** and tighten.
- ☐ Check angle of seat:
 - ☐ Upright, or reclined if manufacturer allows.
- ☐ Check tightness – seat moves less than 1 inch to sides or front of car.
- ☐ Attach tether strap to anchor.

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- ☐ Tighten harness until snug; do the pinch test.
- ☐ Chest clip at armpit level.
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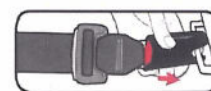
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