



Child Passenger Safety

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Proper Child Safety Seat Use Chart			
Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back!			
	INFANTS	TODDLER	YOUNG CHILDREN
WEIGHT	Birth to 1 year at least 20-22 lbs.	Over 1 year and Over 20 lbs.-40 lbs.	Over 40 lbs. Ages 4-8, unless 4'9".
TYPE of SEAT	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible / Forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seat
SEAT POSITION	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
ALWAYS MAKE SURE:	Children to one year and at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats Harness straps at or below shoulder level	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders Most seats require top slot for forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries
WARNING	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat



This site provides a list of new child restraints and features; new vehicles and Child Safety features; proper tips for installing and using child safety restraints.



- Corazon de mi vida Kit
- News from CPSC
- 4 Steps for Kids
- How to solve problems you may have installing your child car seat
- Children's Health - Fact Sheet

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Child Passenger Protection Education Grants.
Report to Congress 2003. (posted 08/13/2003)

SnugRide Infant Car Seats Inspection
Instructions (posted 08/13/2003)