

Choose the Right Car Seat

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Infant Car Seats

Protect a baby in a crash.



Convertible Car Seats

Protect a child from birth to 5 or 6 years old.



Booster Seats

Position the seat belt correctly on kids less than 4'9" tall or younger than 8 years old.



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Infant Car Seat

- Rear-facing only.
- Weight and height limits vary by the car seat.
- Recline seat between 30-45° according to level indicator or instructions.
- Use a convertible car seat when a baby reaches the weight or height limit on the infant car seat.

Convertible Car Seat

- Rear-facing then transitions to forward-facing.
- Most come with an infant insert and can be used for rear-facing at birth.
- Children stay rear-facing until they reach the rear-facing weight or height limit for the car seat.
- Once the child reaches the limit and is at least 2 years old, he/she begins forward-facing.
- Children should stay forward-facing in the 5-point harness until reaching the weight or height limit for the car seat.
- When forward-facing, attach tether located on the top of the car seat to correct tether anchor in the vehicle.

Booster Seat

- Helps position a seat belt properly on a child.
- Incorrect seat belt fit can cause abdominal and neck injuries or ejection in a crash.
- Ohio Booster Seat Law: Children must be at least 8 years old to stop using a booster seat – unless they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall.

Remember:

- Always buckle a child into the car seat.
- Rear facing is safer.
- To find a car seat fitting station near you, visit:
www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats#install-inspection.