

CAR SAFETY RESTRAINTS

Age Group	Type of Seat	General Guidelines
0-3	Rear facing only seats and rear facing convertible seats	All infants and toddlers should ride in a Rear-Facing Car Seat until they are at least 2 years of age or older as the car seat rating allows.
2-4	Convertible seats and forward facing seats with 5 point harness	Children 2 years or older may use a Forward Facing Car Seat for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.
Over 4 years AND Over 40lbs	Booster seats	All children whose weight or height is above the forward facing limit for their car seat should use a Booster Seat until they have reached 4 feet 9 inches in height.
Over 8 yrs old AND Taller than 4' 9"	Seat belts	When children are old enough and tall enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts for optimal protection. They must continue to ride in the rear seat until age 12.
Over age 12	Seat belts	May ride in front seat, but children are still safer riding in the back seat.

For more information go to www.safercar.gov/parents/rightseat.htm
or call 1-866-SEAT-CHECK (1-866-732-8243)