



***ALWAYS, read and follow both the vehicle owner's manual and the car seat instructions!!!***

## **Forward-facing car seats:**

- Toddlers (preferably at least 2 years old) can ride forward-facing in a *convertible*, a *combination*, or a *forward-facing only* seat.
- Place the harness straps at or above the shoulders.
- Tighten the harness straps so they are snug. You should not be able to pinch any slack in the harness.
- Place the harness clip at armpit level.
- The car seat should be locked into place allowing less than 1" of movement at the belt path. Make sure the correct belt path is used.
- Tethers are recommended for forward facing seats. If installing with the lower anchors you **MUST** use the tether also.



## **Booster seats:**

- Preferably for kids who are at least 4 years old & who weigh at least 40lbs. *Highback* or *backless* boosters available. (Maximum weight for most boosters is 80 - 100 lbs)
- Always use with a lap & shoulder seat belt. Never use a lap-only seat belt with a booster.
- Head support is important. Make sure the child has head support from the booster seat or from the vehicle's head rest.

## **Seat Belts:**

- For children who have outgrown their booster seat (usually children at least 8 years old & at least 4'9").
- Children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.
- Lap & shoulder seat belts provide the best protection. Don't let kids tuck the shoulder belt under an arm or behind their back.
- Remember everyone should **Always Buckle Up**, on every ride!!!

## **LATCH:** (Lower **A**nchors & **T**ethers for **C**hildren)

- LATCH has a weight limit for use (Typically allowing for a maximum of 40lbs-48lbs).
- Never install a car seat using both the lower anchors and the seat belt at the same time (unless the manufacturer says it is safe to do so)

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