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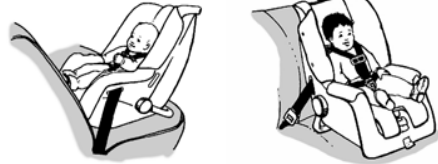
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Four Types of Safety Seats

Infant-only safety seat

Fits until baby reaches maximum weight (22-30 lbs.) if head is at least 1" below top edge. **Must** be installed facing rearward.

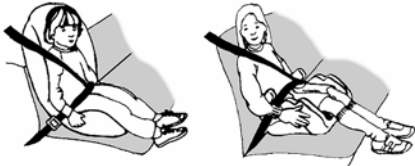


Convertible safety seat

Fits up to 30-35 lbs. rear facing, 40 lbs. or more forward facing. Rear facing is required until age one, recommended until age 2.

Forward-facing safety seat

Child is at least age one (recommended age 2). Harness fits up to 40 lbs. or more. Special products available for larger children.



Safety booster seat

For children who outgrow safety seats with a harness. Most children need a booster from about age 4 until at least age 8-10 for proper fit of belt.

Quick Checklist for Visible Errors

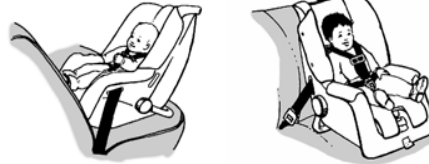
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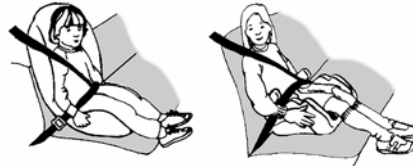


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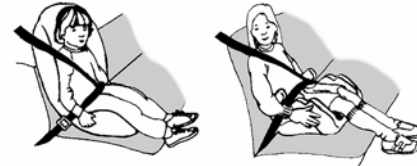


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