

Is your child in the right car seat?

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Rear-Facing

The safest way for infants and toddlers to ride in the car is rear-facing until they reach height or weight limits for their seat.



Forward-Facing

Once they outgrow their rear-facing seat, switch to a forward-facing seat with a harness. Use the tether anchor to limit forward motion of the car seat in a crash.



Booster Seat

Wait until your child reaches their forward-facing seat's height or weight limits before moving them to a booster seat.



Seat Belt

Keep your child in a booster seat until they are big enough to fit into a seat belt properly. The shoulder belt should always lie across their chest and shoulder, and the lap belt should always lie across their hip bones.



Always refer to your vehicle and car seat manufacturers' instructions to be sure your child's car seat is installed and used correctly.



Car Seat Safety Tips

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- + Make sure the chest clip is at armpit level
- + Perform a pinch test to make sure straps are tight enough
- + Children under 13 should always ride in the back seat with seat belt safely secured.



Every **33 seconds**, a child
younger than 13
is involved in a car crash. When used correctly,
car seats can significantly
reduce the risk of death
or injury in crashes.



For more car seat safety information visit [Strong4Life.com/safeseats](https://www.strong4life.com/safeseats) or scan the QR code.

Need a car seat? Fill out the contact form at [SafeKidsGeorgia.org/contact](https://www.SafeKidsGeorgia.org/contact) and someone will reach out with information for your area.

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