

Child Passenger Safety Tips

- Ohio law states that children must be restrained in a child safety seat until they are 4 years old and 40 pounds. All children above 4 years and 40 pounds up to 15 years of age, must be restrained in every seating position– either with a booster seat or seat belt.
- Before installing a child safety seat, read the instructions and your owner's manual.
- Check that you have used the correct belt path for the seat belt or the lower anchors
- Make sure the harness straps must be snug around your child. You should not be able to pinch any slack in the harness
- The plastic retainer clip should be adjusted to armpit level
- Any car seat that has cracks, missing pieces or worn straps,, has reached the manufacturer's expiration date, or been in a car accident the car seat needs to be replaced.

Rear-Facing Car Seats

- For best protection, infants and toddlers should be in safety seats facing the back of the car until 2 years of age, or until reaching the maximum height or weight of their convertible car seat.
- Make sure to use the rear facing belt path when installing the seat
- Use car seat manual to help install rear facing

Forward-Facing Car Seats

- Once a child has outgrown the weight or height limits of the rear-facing seat, he or she can switch to a seat that faces forward.
- Infants must not face forward until they are at least 1 year old and weigh at least 20 pounds.
- Children should remain in a harnessed car seat until reaching the weight or height limit of the seat. Most car seats have forward-facing weight limits of 40-65 pounds.

Booster Seats

- Once a child reaches 4 years of age and weighs at least 40 pounds, she can move to a booster seat.
- A child is required by law to use the booster seat until she is 8 years old or 4'9" tall.
- Both backless and high back booster seats are available. Check the manufacturer's instructions to see which is best for your child.

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