



Don't put
your child at risk.
**Buckle up on
every ride.**

All children must use a car seat, booster seat or seat belt.

- My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an airbag.
- Everyone in my car buckles up on every ride using the right car seat, booster seat or seat belt for each person's age and size.
- My child's car seat has all of its parts, labels and instructions and has never been in a crash.
- I follow the instructions for my car and car seat so my child is buckled in right.
- I never leave my child alone in a car.
- If I have any questions, I know I can contact the Mercy Injury Prevention Center.
- When the combined weight of the child and car seat is 65 pounds it is no longer recommended to use the Latch safety system.

For more information about car seats and booster seats, contact us.

Mercy Injury Prevention Center

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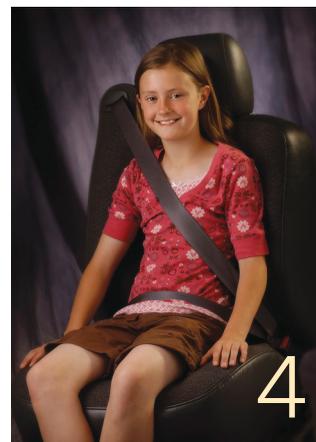


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1 Babies under 2 use rear-facing car seats

- She always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- She always rides in a car seat made for her size and age.
- She sits facing the back of the car in her car seat.
- The straps are snug on her, and I can't pinch the buckled strap.
- Her car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it.
- She uses a bigger seat rear-facing until she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 35, 40 or 45 pounds.

2 Toddlers and big kids use forward-facing car seats

If my child is over age 2 AND has outgrown the weight and height limits for the rear-facing seat:

- He always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- He always rides in a car seat made for his size and age.
- The straps are snug on him, and I can't pinch the buckled strap.
- His car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it. I use the top tethers designed for the seat.
- He uses this car seat until he outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 50, 60 or even 80 pounds.

3 Older, bigger kids use booster seats

If my child is under 4 feet, 9 inches tall AND has outgrown the weight and height limit of the forward-facing car seat:

- She always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- She always rides on a booster seat using a seat belt with lap and shoulder straps.
- The lap belt sits low on her hips, not her stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on her shoulder - not on her neck, under her arm or behind her back.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on her.
- She may be between 8-12 years of age before the seat belt fits.

4 Kids ready for seat belts

If my child is over 4 feet, 9 inches tall and has outgrown the booster seat:

- She always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- She always uses a seat belt with lap and shoulder straps.
- The lap belt sits low on her hips, not her stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on her shoulder - not on her neck, under her arm or behind her back.
- Her back is firmly against the seat back, her knees bend at the front edge of the seat, and she can sit this way for the whole ride.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on her. If the seat belt does not fit right, she must use a booster seat.