

Buckle up, Baby; Let's Go!

Car seats are a must for driving safely with your children. They also are required by law. Are you using the right car seat? Car seat requirements change as children grow.

Here is a break down for age and weight appropriate car seats for children:

Infants: From birth to 35 pounds or 2 years old, children need to ride in a rear-facing car seat in the backseat of the car. Check the seat's owner's manual and/or labels on the seat for weight and height limits.

Children ages 2 years old to at least 5 years old may ride in a forward-facing car seat, up to the weight or height limit of the car seat. **NEVER** turn a safety seat forward-facing before your child meets all of the age/height/weight requirements set by the safety seat manufacturer.

Children 5 years and older who also weigh 40 pounds or more can ride in a booster seat until the adult safety belt fits them properly. You **MUST** use your car's standard lap and shoulder belt with a booster seat. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lies across the chest (not the neck). Remember to keep children properly buckled in the back seat for the best possible protection.

Buckle children in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts on every trip, no matter how short.