

Child/Booster Seats



Under 18 kg (40 lbs)

Use when child is over one year of age, over 10 kg (22 lbs) and walking.



Over 18 kg (40 lbs)

Remove harness and tether straps and use as a booster seat.



Booster Seats

18-36 kg (40-80 lbs)

Some booster seats are available up to 45 kg (100 lbs)

Booster seat is needed to position seat belt properly over child's body.



- Lap belt should be positioned low across the hips. Shoulder belt should lie flat across the chest.

- A no back booster seat can only be used when the middle of the child's ear is not above the back of the vehicle seat or head rest.

Seat Belts



- To use seat belt safely, child should be able to bend knees over vehicle seat when sitting upright and right back in the vehicle seat. If not, use a booster seat.
- A lap/shoulder belt system is recommended because it provides better restraint to the entire body and reduces the risk of head and other injuries.
- The shoulder belt should lie over the shoulder and not cross the neck. **Do not tuck the shoulder belt under child's arm or behind child's back.**



- The lap belt should stay low and snug across the hips, not over the stomach.
- **Seat belt adjusters are not recommended.** There are no regulations on these products and they may increase the likelihood of injury or death in a collision. They are **not a replacement** for booster seats.

Holding a child on your lap is extremely dangerous and against the law. This is not a substitute for a car seat or seat belt.

Locking Clip

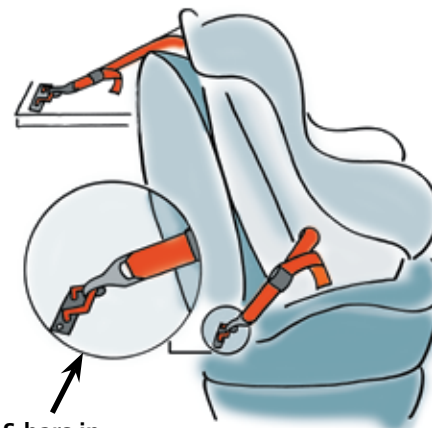


Some vehicle seat belt systems require the use of a locking clip with car seats. A locking clip prevents the loosening of seat belt and keeps car seat firmly in place. Place locking clip 13 mm (1/2 inch) from buckle. Check vehicle owner's manual.



Universal Anchorage System (UAS)

- May also be called **LATCH** system - Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children.
- **UAS** connectors attach to **UAS** bars in the vehicle seat.
- **UAS** makes it easier to install car seats correctly.
- Use seat belt to hold car seat in place correctly, if car does not have **UAS**.



UAS bars in vehicle seat

Ride Safely

A Guide To Child Passenger Safety

General Safety Tips

- Make sure car seat has a Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) label.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and check that the car seat has not passed the expiry date.
- Replace car seat if it has been in any collision or if you find cracks, chips, torn harness straps or any missing parts.
- Make sure there are no loose items in the vehicle.
- Always place car seats away from air bags.
- **All children 12 years and under should sit in the back seat and be properly restrained.**

Most Common Errors

- Vehicle seat belt is not tight enough to secure car seat properly.
- Harness or shoulder straps are too loose.
- Car seat is not appropriate for weight and height of child.
- Tether strap is not used or used incorrectly.
- Locking clip is not used when required.



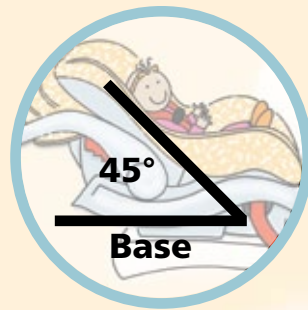
Infant Only Car Seats



Rear-Facing only

Birth to 9-10 kg (20-22 lbs)

Always place in the back seat.



Place carrying handle down and lock into position.

Chest clip at armpit level.

Place car seat at a 45-degree angle.

Pull seat belt or UAS strap tight. Car seat base should not move more than 2.5 cm (1 inch) forward or sideways.

Harness straps must be flat and snug – only one finger fitting between strap and child's collar bone.

Harness straps must be at or slightly below child's shoulders when child is rear-facing.

Car seat should "click" when attached securely to base.

Base of car seat attaches to vehicle seat with seat belt or UAS.

Infant/Child Car Seats



Rear-Facing

Birth up to 16 kg (35 lbs)
Harness child and secure seat as in "Infant Only Car Seats" section.

OR

Forward-Facing

Use when child is over one year of age, over 10 kg (22 lbs) and walking.



Midpoint of child's ear should not be above the top of car seat.

Tether strap must be attached to tether anchor.

Check vehicle owner's manual for location of tether anchor.

Harness straps must be at or above child's shoulders when child is forward-facing.

Harness straps must be flat and snug – only one finger fitting between strap and child's collar bone

Chest clip at armpit level

Tighten tether strap.

Pull seat belt or UAS strap tight. Car seat should move no more than 2.5 cm (1 inch) forward or sideways.

Did You Know...

- Motor vehicle collisions are the #1 cause of injury-related deaths for Canadian children.
- The correct use of a car seat can reduce the risk of injury or death by 75%.*
- To be effective, car seats must be installed properly and used correctly every time.
- A driver can be **fined and given two demerit points** for not properly restraining passengers under age 16 in the vehicle.
- Every passenger in a vehicle must be properly restrained. **It's the law!**

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