

Important Safety Tips

- Select a car seat that fits a child's age, size and can be safely secured
- Keep children in rear-facing safety seats until they are at least age 2.
- Never install a rear-facing seat in front of an active airbag.
- Keep children in the back seat until they reach age 13.
- Know the history of your safety seat.
- Do not use a safety seat that is more than 6-years old or past the expiration date stamped on the seat.
- Register your safety seat with the manufacturer so you will be notified of any recalls. You can also check for recalls at www.safercar.gov.
- Do not attach anything to the safety seat unless the manufacturer allows its use. This includes toys, mirrors, window shades and belt tightening tools.
- All objects in the vehicle should be stowed in the trunk or tied down. They can be projectiles if a crash or sudden stop occurs.

REMEMBER

Illinois law requires all children under age 8 to be secured in an appropriate child safety seat

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To schedule a car seat inspection or installation, please call
1-877-277-6543
or
1-309-929-0277



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SAFETY SEAT GUIDELINES

KEEP ME IN A SAFE SEAT



NEWBORN - 2 YEARS



Effective Jan. 1, 2019, Illinois law will require children under age 2 to be properly secured in a rear-facing child restraint system unless they weigh more than 40 pounds or are more than 40 inches tall. Children must remain rear-facing until age 2.

Children riding rear-facing may use a rear-facing-only car seat or a convertible car seat installed rear-facing. Always follow the car seat manufacturers harnessing instructions and height/weight limitations for a rear-facing installation.

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Children should remain rear-facing as long as possible and may be transitioned to a forward-facing car seat with an internal harness system. Always follow the car seat manufacturers harnessing instructions and height/weight limitations for a forward-facing installation. Children should be secured in a forward-facing seat with an internal harness system until they reach the upper height or weight limit allowed by the seat manufacturer.

A forward-facing car seat has a harness and tether that limits a child's forward movement during a crash.

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When children outgrow the forward-facing seat, they may transition to a belt-positioning booster seat.

A belt-positioning booster seat positions the seat belt so it fits properly over the stronger parts of a child's body.

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Children should stay in a belt-positioning booster seat until they can fit properly in an adult lap/shoulder seat belt

An adult lap/shoulder seat belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.