

Rear-facing Car Seat

Birth until age 2-4*



- ✓ Child's head at least 1" below top of car seat.
- ✓ Harness straps are **at or below** child's shoulders.
- ✓ Chest clip is buckled and at armpit level.
- ✓ Harness straps are snug; you can't pinch them.

*As long as possible, until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their rear-facing car seat.

Always properly buckle children aged 12 and under in the back seat!
Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active airbag.



Rear-facing Car Seats: Where do the straps go?

If car seat is rear-facing:

CORRECT:



✓ Harness straps are **at or below** child's shoulders.

INCORRECT:



✗ Harness straps are above child's shoulders.

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Rear-facing Car Seat: Is your child's head below the top of the car seat?

CORRECT:



✓ Child's head is at least 1" below the top of the car seat.

INCORRECT:



✗ Child's head is at or above the top of the car seat.

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Car Seats: How tight should the straps be?

CORRECT:



- ✓ Harness straps are snug with no slack in the straps. You can't pinch the straps between your fingers.

INCORRECT:



- ✗ Harness straps are too loose. You can pinch the straps between your fingers.

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How do I keep my child warm and safe in a car seat?

CORRECT:



- ✓ Child is wearing thin layers.
- ✓ Harness straps are buckled and tight.
- ✓ Put coats or blankets **over** the buckled and tight harness.

INCORRECT:



- ✗ Child is wearing a bulky jacket.
- ✗ Bulky jackets make you think the harness straps are tight, but the straps are really too loose.
- ✗ Jackets or blankets are between the harness straps and the child.

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