# Recommended car seats based on your child's age and size

Birth 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13-



# Rear-Facing Car Seat

## **Birth-12 Months**



Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats:

- \* Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing.
- \* Convertible and all-in-one car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

# **Forward-Facing Car Seat**



#### 1 - 3 Years

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.

# **Booster Seat**

# 4 - 7 Years



Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

# 8 - 12 Years

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

### **Seat Belt**





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