

CHILD SAFETY SEAT GUIDE

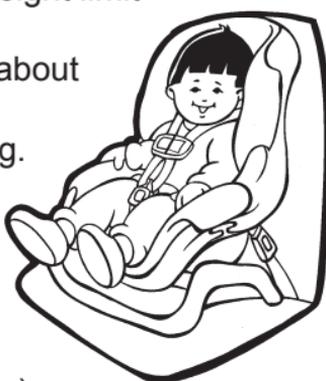
INFANT ONLY SEATS

- **Rear-face** from birth until about 20-22 pounds.
- When infant outgrows infant only seat, move to rear-facing convertible seat.
- **Always** use rear-facing.
- **NEVER** place in front of an airbag.



CONVERTIBLE SEATS

- **Rear-face** until 2 years of age or until child reaches the upper rear-facing weight or height limit of seat.
- Most can be used rear-facing to about 35 pounds.
- **NEVER** place in front of an airbag.
- **Forward-face** from about 2 years of age until child reaches the upper forward-facing weight or height limit of the seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds; some can be used longer).



FORWARD-FACING ONLY SEATS WITH HARNESES

- **Forward-face** from about 2 years of age until child reaches the upper weight or height limit of the seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds; some can be used longer).

BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEATS

- Use after child outgrows a forward-facing convertible or forward-facing only seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).
- Keep child in booster until adult seat belt fits properly.
- Must use with a lap/shoulder seat belt.



INDIANA'S CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

- Children under age 8 must be in child restraints that meet current federal safety standards.
- Children from age 8 up to 16 must use a child restraint or vehicle safety belt.
- This law applies to all seating positions in all vehicles including cars, vans, trucks, and SUVs.
- Anyone who drives children is responsible for them being properly restrained.
- If children are not properly buckled up, the driver can be fined \$25.

Always read manufacturer's instructions.
Children 12 years and younger are safer in the back seat.

LAP/SHOULDER SAFETY BELT USE GUIDE

CHILDREN

- Use when the adult seat belt fits properly, low on the hips and across the middle of the shoulder (around 4'9" tall and 8-12 years of age).
- Adjust vehicle headrest to the top of the ears or higher.



ADULTS

- Wear lap belt low and snug.
- Wear shoulder belt snug across chest.
- Keep vehicle seat in upright position.
- Adjust vehicle headrest to the top of the ears or higher.



PREGNANT WOMEN

- Wear lap belt below abdomen, across hips.
- Wear shoulder belt across chest, between breasts.
- Adjust vehicle headrest to the top of the ears or higher.

REMEMBER

DO NOT wear safety belts:

- Behind back
- Over bulky clothing
- Across neck or face
- Loose or floppy

INDIANA'S SAFETY BELT LAW

- Everyone 16 years and older **MUST** wear a safety belt.
- This law applies to all seating positions in all vehicles including cars, vans, trucks, and SUVs.
- Violators can be fined up to \$25.

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