

Car seat safety

Car seats, when used correctly, save children's lives.

By Oregon law, all children under 8 years old or 4'9" must be properly secured in an approved child safety seat or booster seat.

To make sure your child is riding in the right seat the right way, always read the car seat instruction manual carefully.

For more information

For information on where to find reduced-cost car seats, call your local health department, or the **Child Safety Seat Resource Center**, 1-877-793-2608.

To find a car seat check-up event near you or for questions about car seats, call the Child Safety Seat Resource Center at 503-643-5620 or 1-877-793-2608, or go to www.childsafetyseat.org.

Infants must ride rear facing until 1 year old **AND** 20 pounds (Oregon law) or longer if the seat in use allows a higher upper weight limit ("best practice").

WARNING: Never place an infant seat in front of an airbag.

Thread the seat's harness straps **AT OR BELOW** the child's shoulders.



The safest place for infants to ride is in the **BACK SEAT**.

Adjust the safety seat's retainer clip to **ARMPIT LEVEL**.

Tighten the safety belt so the seat does not move more than **ONE INCH** forward or side to side.

Adjust the harness snugly so there is **NO SLACK**.