

Age Group	Type of Seat	General Guidelines
Infants/ Toddlers	Rear-facing only seats and rear-facing convertible seats	All infants and toddlers should ride in a <b>Rear-Facing Car Seat</b> until they are at least 2 years of age or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat's manufacturer.
Toddlers/ Preschoolers	Convertible seats and forward-facing seats with harnesses	Any child who has outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for his convertible car seat should use a <b>Forward-Facing Car Seat</b> with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat manufacturer.
School-Aged Children	Booster seats	All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their car seat should use a <b>Belt-Positioning Booster Seat</b> until the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age.
Older Children	Seat belts	<p>When children are old enough and large enough for the vehicle seat belt to fit them correctly, they should always use <b>Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts</b> for optimal protection.</p> <p>All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection.</p>