

# Car Seat Safety

DID YOU KNOW?

**73%** of car seats are installed incorrectly or used improperly

Make sure you have a **SAFE CAR SEAT**



## REPLACE THE SEAT

Once a seat has been in a crash, replace it. Only buy a used seat if you know its full crash history. Buy from someone you know, and not from the thrift store or internet.



## READ THE LABEL

Check for your child's age, weight, and height.

Check for your seat's expiration date, usually around six years.



REAR FACING	FORWARD FACING	BOOSTER	SEAT BELT*
4-30 lbs	20-65 lbs	40-100 lbs	
Up to 32"	Up to 49"	38-40" – 57-60"	57" minimum
0-3 years	1-7 years	4-12 years	8+ years

\*Lap belt snugly across thighs, not the stomach

\*Shoulder belt snugly across chest, not the neck or face

Correctly **INSTALL** the car seat

**PINCH TEST** Make sure the harness is tightly buckled and coming from the correct slots. With the chest clip placed at armpit level, pinch the strap at your child's shoulder. If you are **UNABLE TO PINCH** any excess, you are good to go!



**INCH TEST** Give a good tug at the base of the car seat where the seat belt goes through. Can you move it more than an inch in any direction? A properly installed seat **WILL NOT MOVE** more than an inch.

Get an **INSPECTION**

Find a car seat checkup event near you:  
[www.safekids.org/events](http://www.safekids.org/events)