

# WHICH SEAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

According to North Carolina Law, children must be properly restrained in an appropriate car seat or booster until they are 8 years old or 80 lbs., whichever comes first.

WEIGHT	Birth to 20+ lbs. and at least 1 year	Older than 1 year, more than 20 lbs. and up to 40+ lbs.	More than 40 lbs. and up to 80+ lbs.	More than 80 lbs. and at least 4'9" tall
<b>TYPE OF CAR SEAT</b>	Infant Seat or Rear-Facing Convertible 	Convertible or Combination (Forward-Facing with Harness) 	Highback or Backless Booster 	Lap/Shoulder Safety Belt 
<b>CAR SEAT POSITION</b>	Rear-Facing Only  At a minimum, infants must be rear-facing up to 1 year old and at least 20 lbs.  <b>Children should remain Rear-Facing as long as possible</b>	Forward-Facing or Rear-Facing  Check safety seat compatibility and manufacturer's instructions  <b>Retainer clip should be threaded properly and placed at armpit level</b>	Forward-Facing  Booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belts  Make sure lap belt fits low on the hips or upper thighs  Use shoulder belt-positioning clip to properly fit the shoulder belt if needed  Never use a booster seat with only a lap belt  	<b>For a proper fit:</b>  Child sits all the way back against vehicle seat  Knees bend comfortably at the edge of the seat  Belt crosses shoulder between neck and arm  Lap belt is low, touching hips or upper thighs
<b>IMPORTANT</b>	Harness straps at or below shoulder level  Never put a rear-facing safety seat in the front seat with an airbag  Check weight limits on the infant seats	Harness straps should be routed through the top slots or as indicated in the manufacturer's instructions  		

**Children 12 and Under Should Ride in the Back Seat!**

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