

Car Seat Safety

Plan on having the car seat installed before your child goes home from the hospital.

What do I need to know about installing my child's car seat?

- Always refer to the car seat and the vehicle owner's manual.
- Use the vehicle seat belt or the lower anchors to install your child's rear-facing car seat (do not use both unless the vehicle and car seat manufacturer allow you to use both).
- Check for movement. Car seats should not move more than 1 inch from side to side or front to back when checking at the belt path.
- If your child is rear-facing, follow the manufacturer's guidelines for the correct recline angle.
- For rear-facing car seats, place the shoulder straps at or below the shoulders.
- For front-facing car seats, place the shoulder straps at or above the child's shoulders.
- Tighten the harness straps enough so you cannot pinch excess webbing vertically at the child's shoulders.
- Adjust the chest clip to armpit level.
- Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active frontal airbag.
- Never place a child under 2 years old in a front-facing car seat.
- Never use any products in the car seat that the manufacturer does not approve. These items could hurt your child in a crash.

Are there other resources that would be helpful?

Have a Smart Phone? Download the "Car Seat Helper" app at the App Store or Android Market. It provides clear information about:

- choosing and using the right car seat
- instructional videos written by true experts in car seat safety

For a list of current car seat check events, please contact Safe Kids at 918-494-SAFE or visit www.safekidstulsa.com.

This information is not meant to replace the advice of your Healthcare Professional. Be sure to ask questions and discuss your medical condition or any medical treatments with your doctor.