

The safest travel for the youngest passengers...

Rear-facing only/carrier-type seats



- Check seat labels-- some seats can be used for premature babies weighing 4 or more pounds; others begin with a 5 pound baby-weight.
- Use until child's head is 1 inch from top of seat back or when child reaches seat's weight limit, then use a rear-facing convertible seat (a bigger car seat that stays in the car).
- Install with or without the base in a car.

Convertible seats used rear-facing

- Keep child rear-facing in this seat until the rear-facing weight or height limit.
- Don't worry about the child's legs bending or kicking the cushion-- extended rear-facing protects child's weak head and neck!
- When child reaches rear-facing limits, read car seat manual for how to use the seat forward-facing.



Tips for using any rear-facing seat properly

- Adjust harness straps to be **at** or **below** the child's shoulders.
- Keep harnesses snug on the child any time the seat is used.
- Place chest clip at armpit level.
- Only use the inserts or pillows that come with the seat and check instructions for when to remove these.
- Always carefully read the car seat instructions AND your vehicle manual for specifics on use and installation.

Have a car seat problem? Check online for videos by the car seat manufacturer or go to: www.nhtsa.gov/parents-and-caregivers.

In Maryland, call Kids in Safety Seats at 1-800-370-SEAT.

