What car seat should your child be using?

Age → Weight ↓	Birth - 1 year	1 year - 4 years	4 years – 8-10 years
Under 30 lbs	Rear-facing infant or convertible	Rear-facing infant or convertible	N/A
30-40 lbs	Rear-facing infant or convertible	Rear-facing infant or convertible until outgrown, then forward-facing harnessed seat	Forward-facing harnessed seat until outgrown then belt-positioning booster
40-80 lbs	N/A	Forward-facing harnessed seat. For special needs or children less than 2 years old, see **.	Forward-facing harnessed seat until outgrown, then belt-positioning booster.
80-100 lbs	N/A	Special needs car seats or harnesses.	Belt-positioning booster if child doesn't pass the '5 Step Test' for seat belt fit.

** For harnessed rear-facing seats for children over 40 lbs. Go to: https://sites.google.com/site/carseatmeasurements/

Car seats & seat belts: Everyone on every ride!

Maryland law requires use of a seat belt or car seat by all passengers in all seats. Each adult that is not buckled up may receive a ticket of $83 for not wearing a seat belt. Every child under age 8 must ride in an appropriate car seat unless the child is 4'9" or taller. A driver with children not in car seats would get an $83 ticket.

For more information:

For car seat check up information: MD Kids in Safety Seats: 1-800-370-SEAT or www.mdkiss.org
For healthcare trainings and materials: EMSC's CPS Program: 410-706-8647 or   cps@miemss.org