



SAFE TRAVELS



Age & Size Appropriate Seats



REAR-FACING CAR SEAT

Birth up to Age 2*

Buckle children in a rear-facing seat until age 2 or when they reach the upper weight or height limit of that seat.



FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT

Age 2 up to at least age 5*

When children outgrow their rear-facing seat, they should be buckled in a forward-facing car seat until at least age 5 or when they reach the upper weight or height limit of that seat.



BOOSTER SEAT

Age 5 up until seat belts fit properly*

Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat, they should be buckled in a booster seat until seat belts fit properly. The recommended height for proper seat belt fit is 57 inches tall.



SEAT BELT

Once seat belts fit properly without a booster seat

Children no longer need to use a booster seat once seat belts fit them properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lays across the chest (not the neck).

*Recommended age ranges for each seat type vary to account for differences in child growth and height/weight limits of car seats and booster seats. Use the car seat or booster seat owner's manual to check installation and the seat height/weight limits, and proper seat use.

TYPES OF SEATS

Rear-facing: Designed for children 4-35 pounds. Children should be kept rear-facing as long as possible. There are rear-facing seats that can transition to forward-facing called convertibles that can accommodate up to 50 pounds.

Forward-facing: Intended for less than 90 pounds.

Booster seat: When a child has outgrown forward-facing, but is too small to fit adequately in seat belt. Typically acceptable for children up to 100 pounds.

Seat belt: Children can be transition to a seat belt when they are between 8-12 years old, at least 4 feet 9 inches tall, and exceed the weight requirement of their booster seat.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Car Seats should not be used after expiration date (See seat manufacturer label).

Do not use a used car seat! You don't know the complete history (Accidents, possible damage that is not visible).

* LOCAL CAR SEAT PROGRAMS

*For Financial Hardships / Also Free Inspections

*Franklin City Police

2801 N. Morton Street

Joe Dillon, 317-736-3670

*Children's Bureau 317-535-3326

*Franciscan Health Indianapolis 317-528-5774

*White River Township Fire Dept.

850 S. Mullinix Road

Craig Zollars 317-888-8337

** CAR SEAT TECHNICIANS

** Free Inspections, by appointment only

**Johnson County Health Dept.

317-346-4365

**Johnson County WIC

317-736-6628