

# 4 STEPS 4 KIDS

## THE RIGHT SEAT MATTERS



### Rear-Facing Car Seats

Use a rear-facing car seat until your child is at least two years old and up to the highest weight or height limit of the car seat. A convertible or all-in-one car seat should be used in the rear-facing position for babies who outgrow infant-only car seats.



### Forward-Facing Car Seats

Use a forward-facing car seat when your child outgrows the rear-facing weight or height limit. Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether, up to the highest weight or height limit of the car seat.



### Booster Seats

Use a belt positioning booster seat when your child's weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for the car seat. Keep your child in a booster seat until the lap and shoulder belts fit properly, typically between 8 and 12 years old.



### Seat Belts

Use a lap and shoulder belt when the seat belts fit your child properly. The lap belt should be low and snug across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt should lie across the middle of the chest and shoulder. Children should be tall enough to comfortably bend their knees over the edge of the backseat with their back against the vehicle seat.

**All children under age 13 should ride in the backseat.**

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