## **Rear-facing seats**

A child younger than 2 years old must be restrained in a rear-facing child safety seat until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child safety seat set by the manufacturer. A child must not turn forward facing until he or she has reached both 2 years old and the highest weight or height limit of the child safety seat. The weight and height limits for each child safety seat can be located on the seat labels or in the instruction manual.









### Age/Size

Birth to at least 2 years old



#### **Restraint Use**

Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat

At least 2 years old and has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight



Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness

4 years old and has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight



Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt

9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the **5 Step Test** 

Younger than 13 years old



Ride restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat

Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category. Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### **5 Step Test**

- the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat
- the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat
- 3. the lap belt fits snugly across the child's thighs or lower hips and not on the abdomen
- 4. the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the neck
- 5. the child sits properly, with no slouching or playing with the seat belt

# Forward-facing seats

A child who is at least 2 years old, and has reached the rear-facing weight or height limit of his or her child safety seat set by the manufacturer, must be restrained in a forward facing child safety seat with an internal harness until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child safety seat in the forward-facing mode.











### Age/Size

Birth to at least 2 years old



#### **Restraint Use**

Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat

At least 2 years old and has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight



Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness

4 years old and has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight



Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt

9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the **5 Step Test** 

Younger than 13 years old



Ride restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat

Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category. Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### **5 Step Test**

- the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat
- the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat
- 3. the lap belt fits snugly across the child's thighs or lower hips and not on the abdomen
- 4. the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the neck
- 5. the child sits properly, with no slouching or playing with the seat belt

### **Booster seats**

A child must be at least 4 years old and must have outgrown the forward-facing weight or height limits of the child safety seat with an internal harness before he or she can transition to a booster seat secured with a lap shoulder seat belt.











### Age/Size

Birth to at least 2 years old



#### **Restraint Use**

Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat

At least 2 years old and has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight



Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness

4 years old and has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight



Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt

9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the **5 Step Test** 

Younger than 13 years old



Ride restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat

Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category. Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### **5 Step Test**

- the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat
- the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat
- 3. the lap belt fits snugly across the child's thighs or lower hips and not on the abdomen
- 4. the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the neck
- 5. the child sits properly, with no slouching or playing with the seat belt

### **Seat belts**

A child who is at least 9 years old or has outgrown the height or weight limits of the child safety seat or booster seat as set by the child safety seat manufacturer must be restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt on the vehicle seat. The seat belt must fit correctly: correct fit meets the 5-Step Test. A child who is younger than 13 years old must ride in the rear seat, when available, in a properly used child restraint system, seat belt or booster seat.









### Age/Size

Birth to at least 2 years old



#### **Restraint Use**

Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat

At least 2 years old and has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight



Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness

4 years old and has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight



Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt

9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the **5 Step Test** 

Younger than 13 years old



Ride restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat

Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category. Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### **5 Step Test**

- the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat
- the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat
- 3. the lap belt fits snugly across the child's thighs or lower hips and not on the abdomen
- 4. the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the neck
- 5. the child sits properly, with no slouching or playing with the seat belt