

Is Your Child SAFE?



When you drive with a child in the car, make sure they are buckled up – the right way!

Follow these four easy steps:

1



Rear-Facing Seats:

For the best possible protection, keep your baby in a rear-facing child safety seat in a back seat for as long as possible. Recent recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) urge parents to keep their babies rear-facing up to the second birthday. One year old and at least 20 pounds is the minimum size and age requirement for a forward-facing seat.

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Forward-Facing Seats:

When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).

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Booster Seats:

When children outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belt fits properly (usually at age 8 and they are about 4'9" tall and weigh between 80 to 100 pounds).

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Seat Belts:

When children outgrow their booster seats, they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (lap belt lies across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest).

Child Passenger Safety Rules

- Know where the airbags are in your vehicle.
- Do not share safety belts.
- Weigh and measure children often to be sure they are using the right safety device.
- Never use car seats purchased from yard sales, thrift stores, or flea markets!
- Never let children ride on laps or in pickup truck beds!

Mississippi Law

- All children under age 4 **MUST** be in a safety seat.
- Children must be in a booster seat if they are between the ages of 4 and 7, unless:
 - They are taller than 4'9",
 - AND**
 - They are heavier than 65 pounds
- You can be pulled over and given a ticket for not following the law!