

Forward-Facing Car Seats

A forward-facing car seat should be used after a child reaches the maximum weight or height of their rear-facing car seat. Most forward-facing seats can be used when a child is **at least 1 year of age (some require 2 years), and 10 kg (22 lb)**. Forward-facing seats have a maximum weight limit of at least 18 kg (40 lb), with many models allowing for a child up to 36 kg (65 lb). Always follow all requirements in the car seat manual.



Convertible Car Seat: This type of seat can be used rear-facing and forward-facing.

3-in-1 Car Seat: This type of seat can be used rear-facing, forward-facing, and can convert to a booster.

Combination Car Seat: This type of seat can be used forward-facing and can convert to a booster. It does not have rear-facing capabilities.

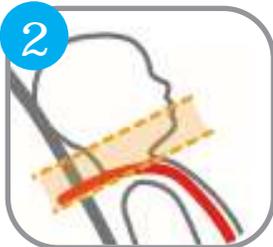
Steps for Securing a Child in a Forward-Facing Car Seat

Example only. Your car seat may differ.



1. Good Posture

Place child sitting tall with back flat against the car seat, with no slouching. Place the harness straps over the top of the shoulders. Straps should lie flat without twists. Dress child in clothing they would wear indoors. Bulky clothing such as snow suits and heavy jackets can prevent the harness from being tightened properly.



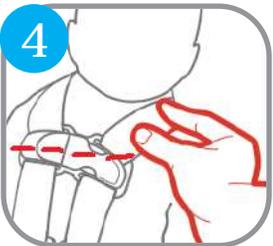
2. Harness Height

The harness straps should be adjusted to come from at or slightly above the shoulders, and the top of the child's ears must be below the top of the car seat.



3. Buckles and Clips

Insert each buckle tongue into the buckle in front of the child's crotch. Each one will 'click' when secured. Ensure the harness fits over the top of the child's thighs, with any slack taken out. Buckle up the chest clip.



4. Tighten Harness

Tighten harness until you can no longer pinch fabric between your fingers. The harness should not have any slack. Move the chest clip to be in line with the child's armpits.

Forward-Facing Installation Tips



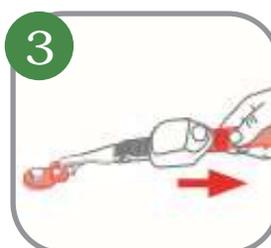
1. Seat Position

Place the car seat forward-facing in the back seat of the vehicle. The bottom of the seat should be flat on the vehicle seat with the back touching the vehicle seat back. Ensure the car seat is in an upright position acceptable for forward facing.



2. Belt Path

Ensure you are using the correct forward-facing belt path when securing it in the vehicle with the seat belt or the universal anchorage system. This will be the path closest to the vehicle seat back.



3. Top Tether

A forward-facing seat must always use the top tether tightly secured to an appropriate anchor point in the vehicle.



4. Tightness Test

After tightening, grab the seat with both hands and make sure that it does not move more than 2.5 cm (1 inch) side to side and front to back.

USE A CAR SEAT FOR EVERY RIDE. ALWAYS FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR CAR SEAT AND VEHICLE MANUALS.

For more information about car seat safety, visit www.skprevention.ca or phone 306-651-4300.

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