

Your Toddler Can be in a **Forward-Facing Car Seat** if They are **Over 1 Year of Age** and **Over 20 Pounds**

- Harness straps must be in the proper forward-facing slot. Refer to your car seat manual.

- Route harness straps at or above shoulder level.

- Place car seat in upright position.



- Fasten harness clip at armpit level.

- Keep harness straps snug, with no slack.

- The back seat is the safest place for children under the age of 12.

Forward-Facing Car Seat

Michigan law requires that children up to the age of 4 must be properly buckled in a child safety seat while riding in a motor vehicle.

Car Seat Safety Tips

*Make sure your child
is riding safely*

- **Study the vehicle owner's manual** and car seat instructions carefully.
- **Check to see if you need a locking clip.** Not all safety belts will secure a car seat without it.
- **Look for a car seat with a label** saying it meets federal motor vehicle standards.
- **Send in the car seat registration card** to be notified in case there is a recall.
- **Get a tight fit**—the car seat should not move more than one inch from side to side or forward. To check for proper installation, push and pull on the car seat near the safety belt buckle.
- **Replace a car seat** that has been in a crash.



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