

Your Infant Should be **Rear-Facing** Until They are at Least **One Year Old** **and** at Least **20 Pounds**

- Infants should ride facing the rear of the car until they are at least one year old *and* at least 20 pounds to protect their fragile heads and necks.
- Route harness straps at or below the shoulders.
- Keep harness straps snug, with no slack.

Rear-facing Car Seat



- Fasten harness clip at armpit level

- Put car seat carrying handle down.

- Recline a rear-facing seat at a 45-degree angle. A firmly rolled up towel under the car seat may help.
- Never put an infant in the front seat of a vehicle with a frontal air bag on the passenger side, unless you have a manual on-off switch and you have turned it off.
- The back seat is the safest place for children under 12 to sit.
- An infant-only seat should be replaced with a convertible seat (used rear-facing) before the infant's weight reaches the maximum limit for the seat and before the baby's head is within one inch of the top edge of the 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.



**Locking
Clip**

*(You may need one to
install your car seat)*

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