

# REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

**Keeping your baby safe.**

Babies must  
face backwards  
until they're  
**1 year old**  
**and 20 lbs.**



# IT'S THE LAW

***Michigan law requires children younger than age 8 and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to be properly buckled in a child safety seat or booster seat while riding in a motor vehicle.***

## **How do I know if my baby is properly buckled in a rear-facing car seat?**

- A rear-facing car seat must be buckled into the vehicle seat tightly. The seat should not move more than one inch from side to side or front to back.
- The seat should recline so the child's head lies back on the car seat without falling forward.
- Harness straps should be snug with no slack.
- The harness clip should be at armpit level.

Always read the instructions that come with the car seat.

**Important:** Your baby is safest if the car seat is placed in the back seat. NEVER put a rear-facing car seat in a vehicle seat located in front of an active airbag.

**To learn more or to locate a certified child safety seat technician, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)**

