

FORWARD-FACING CAR SEATS

Keeping your toddler safe

Children
ages 2-4
should ride in a
forward-facing
car seat.



IT'S THE LAW

Michigan law requires:

Children younger than age 4 to ride in a car seat in the back seat if the vehicle has a back seat. If all back seats are occupied by children under 4, then a child under 4 may ride in a car seat the front seat. A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off.

Children to be properly buckled in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4'9" tall. Children must ride in a seat until they reach the age requirement or the height requirement, whichever comes first.

How do I know if my toddler is properly buckled in a forward-facing car seat?

- The 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.
- 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. Follow the weight and height recommendations on the car seat's label.

To learn more or to locate a certified child safety seat technician, visit www.nhtsa.gov

