

# REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

Keeping your baby safe

Babies and  
toddlers should  
ride in a rear-  
facing car seat  
until **age 2.**



# 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 in 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 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. 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](http://www.nhtsa.gov)**

