

AGE / SIZE

RESTRAINT USE

< 2

Birth-Two Years Old
Birth to at least two years old



Ride Rear Facing
in an infant or convertible child safety seat

2+

Two Years Old
At least two years old and has outgrown the rear-facing seat by height or weight



Ride Forward-Facing
in a child safety seat with an internal harness

4

Four Years Old
Four years old and outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height/weight



Ride Restrained
in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt

9

Nine Years Old
Nine years old or outgrown the booster seat and can pass the 5 Step Test (see below)



Ride Restrained
with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat

< 13

Thirteen Years Old
Younger than thirteen years old



Ride in the Rear Seat
of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

5 STEP TEST



1 Back against the vehicle seat



2 Knees bend at edge of seat



3 Lap belt low on tops of thighs



4 Shoulder belt between shoulder and neck



5 Stay still entire trip

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category. Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Free child safety seat fitting. Appointment Only.

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