# Car Seat Safety

#### Are you using the right car seat?



# Does your child fit the seat's height and weight range?

Use height and weight, not age, to decide which seat to choose.



#### Is your seat expired?

Seats have an expiration date stamped on them – replace if yours is expired.

#### Is your car seat installed correctly?

# Is your seat facing the right direction?

Keep your child rear-facing until they outgrow the seat's weight and height range. Manufacturers are making seats to fit and keep children rear-facing long after their 1st birthday.



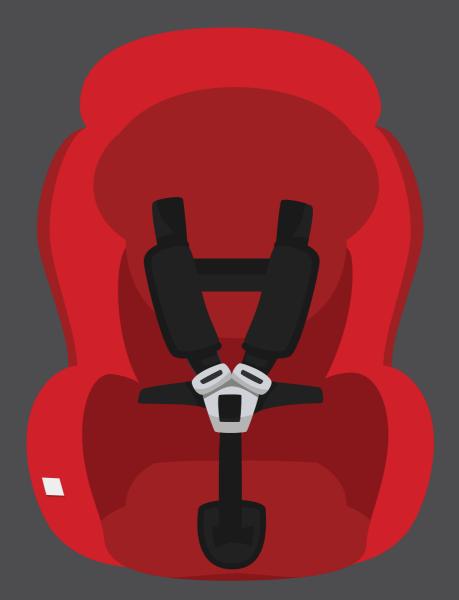


### For front-facing seats, is the top tether connected?

It should be. Check your car and safety seat manuals for help with tether connections.

#### Is your car seat too loose?

In a crash, a loose seat provides less protection. Keep seats belted in when not in use or they could become a projectile.





Make sure you can't move your car seat more than an inch in any Direction. To test, tug hard on the base near the seat belt path opening.

#### Are you using your car seat correctly?



### Is your child secured in the car seat correctly?

All clips and buckles fastened and tightened so you can't pinch extra webbing at the shoulder.

# Find an inspection event in your area by visiting safekids.org

