

## Safety Seat Checklist

Make sure you are using your child safety seat properly by asking yourself the following questions:

- Is the seat appropriate for the child's weight and height according to the manufacturer's directions?
- Is the car safety belt routed properly through the child safety seat according to manufacturer's directions?
- Is the child safety seat rear-facing if your child is less than 1 year of age and less than 20 pounds?
- Is the child safety seat reclined to a 45 degree angle if it is rear-facing so that the child's head does not fall forward?
- Is the child safety seat sitting upright if it is forward-facing?
- Is the child safety seat installed tightly in your vehicle? (It should move less than one inch front-to-back or side-to-side when grasped at the belt path).
- According to your vehicle instruction book, does your vehicle require the use of a locking clip? If so is the clip placed approximately one inch away from the seat belt buckle?

If your child safety seat uses a harness:

- Are the harness straps threaded through the appropriate slots in the child safety seat (below your child's shoulders for a rear-facing seat or above your child's shoulders for a forward facing seat)?
- Are the harness straps snug (you should not be able to pinch any slack in the harness straps)?
- Is the harness retainer clip threaded according to manufacturer's instructions, and resting at armpit level when your child is in the seat?

If your child is in a booster seat:

- Does the shoulder belt ride across your child's collarbone?
- Does the lap belt ride across the top of your child's thighs?