

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY



- All infants and toddlers should ride in a **rear-facing child safety seat** until they are 2 years of age or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their child safety seat's manufacturer.
- All children 2 years or older, or those younger than 2 years who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their child safety seat, should use a **forward-facing child safety seat** with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by their child safety seat's manufacturer.
- All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their child safety seat should use a **belt-positioning booster seat** until the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age.
- When children are old enough and large enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use **lap and shoulder seat belts** for optimal protection.
- All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the **rear seats** of vehicles.

WHAT'S THE BEST CHILD SAFETY SEAT?

- The one that fits your child
- The one that fits your vehicle
- The one that you will use correctly every ride

Do you have questions? Would you like to make an appointment to learn how to properly install your child safety seat? Call Safe Kids Mid-South, led by Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, at (901) 287-6730 or visit www.lebonheur.org/safekids

