

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.