

## Types of Car Seats

### Infant

- Must be used rear-facing in the vehicle.
- Usually have a starting weight requirement of either 4 or 5 pounds. Check your car seat's instructions for height and weight limits for your particular seat.
- Harnesses should be snug (can't pinch any excess webbing) and the harnesses should be at or below the child's shoulders.
- Most infant seats can be installed with or without the base in the vehicle (check your instructions)
- A child must move into a different seat once their head is closer than 1" from the top of the seat shell or they have reached the upper weight limit of the seat. (Don't worry about their feet hanging over the seat's edge.)

**The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children remain rear-facing until they are 2 years of age, or when they reach the upper height and weight limits of their current rear-facing seat.**

### Convertible

- Can be used both rear and forward-facing in the vehicle and will have different weight limits for each direction.
- It is best to keep a child rear-facing up to 2 years or the upper weight limit of the seat (rear-facing) to help with their head and neck development.
- There are two belt-paths for installation so make sure you use the correct path.
- Harness straps should be tight (can't pinch excess webbing) and the harnesses should be at or below a child's shoulders (Rear Facing) and at or above (Forward Facing).

### Combination

- These seats have a 5-point harness that has an upper weight limit and then can be used as a booster seat after removing the harnesses.
- Harness straps should be snug (can't pinch excess webbing) and should be at or above the child's shoulders.
- A child should remain in the 5-point harness until they are at least 4 years old and 40 pounds. (Ohio booster seat law)
- Always be sure to install the tether, regardless of whether you use the seat belt or lower anchors.
- When using as a booster seat, you must use a lap-and-shoulder seat belt.

### High Back booster

- A child should be at least 4 years and 40 pounds (Ohio booster seat law) to begin using a booster seat.
- The back is sometimes removable on this seat (to become a no-back booster seat).
- Great for children who still like to take naps in the car.
- A great choice if there is not a headrest in the position where the child sits in the vehicle (provides added head support).
- When a child is not using the seat, buckle the booster seat up so it doesn't fly around the vehicle while you're driving.

### No-back booster

- A child should be at least 4 years and 40 pounds (Ohio booster seat law) to begin using a booster seat.
- Must be used with a lap-and-shoulder seat belt.
- There must be a headrest in the vehicle to use this seat (for the added head and neck protection for a child).
- When a child is not using the seat, buckle the booster seat up so it doesn't fly around the vehicle while you're driving.