

# Gear Up For Safety!

## Car Safety

1. Properly buckle up all children younger than 13 in a back seat on every ride.
2. Carefully read the instructions that come with your car seat.
3. Have infants ride in rear-facing car seats as long as possible and until they are at least 12 months old and weigh at least 20 pounds.
4. If your child is at least 1 year old and weighs between 20 and 40 pounds, secure him or her in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.
5. If your child weighs over 40 pounds, secure him or her in a booster seat using a lap-and-shoulder belt.
6. If your child is at least 4 feet 9 inches tall, he or she can use an adult lap-and-shoulder belt.
7. Walk all the way around a parked vehicle to check for children before getting into the car and starting the motor.
8. Make sure everyone in your vehicle buckles up for every ride!



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