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A car seat checklist

Infants: (children younger than age one)

- An infant always rides in the back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- An infant always rides in a car seat made for his/her age, weight and height.
- An infant faces the back of the car in a car seat.
- An infant car seat is buckled tight in the car and doesn't move more than 1 inch at the belt path.
- An infant is snugly strapped in to the point an adult can fit only one finger under the strap at the infant's shoulder.
- An infant's chest clip is at armpit level.

Toddlers: (children older than age one and weighing 20-40 lbs.)

- Toddlers always ride in the back seat.
- When toddlers outgrow the carrier-type infant seat, they move to a convertible seat that is used rear facing.
- A convertible seat stays rear facing until your child reaches the weight listed on the seat. Then it can be turned to face forward.
- A toddler's car seat is buckled tight in the car and doesn't move more than 1 inch at the belt path.
- A toddler is snugly strapped in when an adult can fit only one finger under the strap at his shoulder.
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- Young children always ride in a booster seat.
- Young children should wear the seat belt tightly, comfortably and flat.
- Young children should wear the lower seat belt on the hips, not the stomach.
- Young children should wear the shoulder harness on the shoulder, not the neck.

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