

Child Passenger Safety Fact Sheet

INFANTS

Georgia's child passenger safety law: All children under age 6 must be properly secured in a federally approved child safety seat or booster seat and placed in the back seat.

- **NEVER** place a rear-facing infant seat in front of a passenger air bag.
- Keep infants rear facing to the maximum height and weight of the car seat and at a minimum, infants must remain rear-facing until a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds. Do not place an infant forward facing who is less than 1 year of age.
- Use the vehicle's seat belt or LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) system to correctly install your child's car seat and when installed, your child's car seat should not move more than 1 inch side to side.
- Read your car seat owner's manual and your vehicle owner's manual to ensure your child's car seat is correctly installed. If you do not have either of the manuals contact the car seat manufacturer and/or the vehicle manufacturer instructions.
- Your rear-facing infant seat should not move more than 1 inch from side to side when correctly installed.
- Harness straps should be at or just below the shoulders and snug with no slack.
- Keep the chest clip at arm pit level.
- Never use an infant seat as a forward-facing car seat

Important tips

- ✓ Do not purchase a used car seat if you do not know its history, if it was involved in a crash, has missing labels or instructions, or if the seat is more than 5 years old.
- ✓ **Never** leave a child unattended for any reason, for any length of time in the vehicle.
- ✓ Keep all loose items such as strollers and groceries securely stored in the trunk or with cargo netting.

Child Passenger Safety Links:

Safe Kids Worldwide www.safekids.org

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration www.nhtsa.gov

American Academy of Pediatrics www.apa.org

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