

the car seat progression is your child in the correct seat?

there are four major types of car seats
in the safety seat progression.



Step 1

Rear Facing Car Seats

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends using a rear-facing car set until the child is:

- At least 2 years old
- OR**
- Until the child reaches the upper weight limit of the rear-facing convertible (toddler) car seat (generally 30-40 pounds).



Step 2

Forward-Facing Car Seats

Children may begin riding in a forward-facing car seat when they are at least 2 years old and have reached the upper weight and height limits of a rear-facing convertible seat. They should ride in a forward-facing car seat with a 5-point harness as long as possible for the best protection. Your child should be in a forward-facing car seat until they are at least 4 years old and 40 pounds.



Step 3

Booster

Seat belts are designed to fit an average-sized adult. Booster seats are designed to lift a child up to better fit into the adult seat belt. A booster seat makes the lap and shoulder belts fit low over the child's thighs and hips and snug over the shoulder. Ohio law requires children to ride in booster seats until they are at least 8 years old or 4'9" tall.



Step 4

Seat Belt

Seat belts are designed for adults. It is important that your child is big enough before graduating from a booster seat into a seat belt.