Our Car Seat Recommendations

FROM BIRTH UNTIL AT LEAST AGE 2:
• Rear-facing car seat (installed in back seat)
• Continue rear-facing until child reaches the seat’s weight limit

FROM AGE 2 UNTIL AT LEAST AGE 4 AND WEIGHT OF 40 POUNDS:
• Forward-facing car seat with harness (installed in back seat)
• Continue forward-facing with harness use until child reaches the seat’s weight limit (often up to 65 pounds)

FROM AGE 4 AND WEIGHT OF 40 POUNDS UNTIL CHILD IS AT LEAST 4’9” (57”) TALL:
• Booster seat, in the back seat, buckled in with a lap and shoulder belt
• Continue booster seat use until 4’9” (57”)

AFTER THE CHILD REACHES 4’9” (57”) TALL:
• Ride in the back seat buckled in with a lap and shoulder belt
• Continue riding in back seat until at least age 13

• Don’t rush your child to the next step! Each step removes a layer of safety.
• Refer to the car seat owner’s manual for specific height and weight limits.

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STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

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SAFE KIDS
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WE’RE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY: SAFE KIDS Madison Area provides regular car seat check-ups and education about child passenger safety, safe sleep, home safety, pedestrian safety and other topics.

For a schedule of car seat check events, to schedule an appointment to ensure your car seat is properly installed, or to learn how income-qualifying families can receive a safe car seat, please contact SAFE KIDS Madison Area:
safekids@uwhealth.org (608) 890-8999 uwhealthkids.org/safekids

A LOW-COST, CHILD SAFETY PRODUCT STORE: The Safety Center at American Family Children’s Hospital is a retail child product safety store and resource center. We offer low-cost safety products for children with hands-on instruction. Popular items for sale include bike helmets, ski helmets, car seats and booster seats, safety gates, locks and latches, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, life jackets, infant sleepwear and many others.

CONTACT OR VISIT US: The Safety Center at American Family Children’s Hospital 1675 Highland Ave. (1st floor), Madison, WI 53792 uwhealthkids.org/safetycenter (608) 890-8041 • safety@uwhealth.org
Inpatient Car Seat
and Child Passenger
Safety Program

Did you know more than 80 percent of
children are buckled up incorrectly?

Our Inpatient Car Seat and Child Passenger Safety
Program educates parents, guardians and other
drivers about the best ways to protect children
riding in motor vehicles. We want to make sure
every child rides home from the hospital safely.

We offer:
• Car seat inspections
• Installation assistance and educational
  materials
• Safe transportation screening for older children
  and children with special health care needs.
• Education from Certified Child Passenger
  Safety Technicians
• Bedside consultations
• Car seats for patients

Please let staff know if you have any
questions about keeping your child
passengers safe. Call our Car Seat
and Child Passenger
Safety Program at
(608) 890-8078 to
arrange a visit.

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located on the
first floor of
American Family
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is a resource where
families can purchase
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