

# Rear-Facing Child Seat Checklist

- Check seat for expiration date and recalls (*recalls are online at [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov)*)  
Is there a manual for the car seat?

- Check your seat location in the car:
  - In back seat, facing rear of car
  - **Never** in front of an active airbag
  - Middle of rear seat preferred

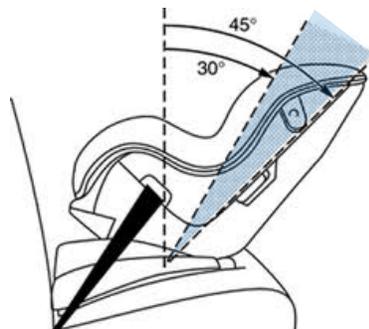
- Is the Seat Belt (or Lower Anchor straps) routed through the correct belt path?  
(Note that convertible car seats have 2 different belt paths)



- If using the Seat Belt, is it switched to the **locked** position?

- Is seat in tight? Moves less than 1" from side to side (tug at belt path only)

- Child seat reclined to 45°  
Check bubble level, make sure car is parked on level ground



- Harness is snug to child's body (no thick coats), pinch test

- Harness straps enter slot at or below child's shoulder

- Chest Clip is at armpit level

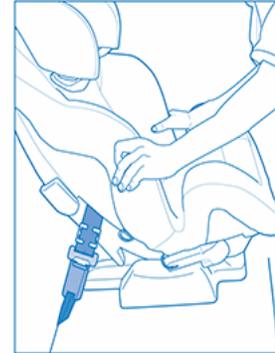


# Forward-Facing Child Seat Checklist

Check seat for expiration date & recalls (*recalls are online at [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov)*)

- Check seat location in car
- In back seat, facing forward
  - Middle of rear seat preferred

Seat Belt or Lower Anchors are in the correct belt path  
(*note: lower anchors have a weight limit, check your manual*)



Child seat is upright, no recline foot or anything under the seat  
(*unless seat has forward-facing recline options - check your manual*)

Seat Belt is switched to **locked** position

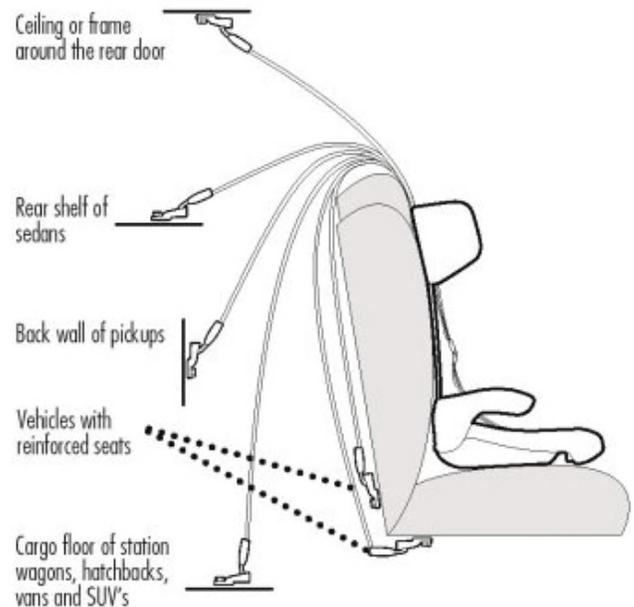
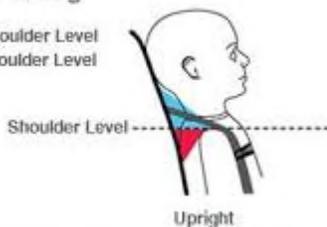
Child Seat secured tightly - less than 1" movement (tug at belt path only)

Top Tether attached to anchor and Tether strap is pulled snug  
(*tether anchor locations vary widely from car to car, check your vehicle owner's manual to find your car's tether anchor location*)

Harness straps enter slot at or above child's shoulder

## Forward Facing

- Above Shoulder Level
- Below Shoulder Level



Harness is snug to child's body (no thick coats), pinch test

Chest Clip is at armpit level