

# Child Passenger Safety Fact Sheet

## TODDLERS

**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.**

**Additionally, all children over age 6 must be correctly secured in a seat belt or booster seat.**

- Use a forward facing seat with a full harness to the manufacturer's maximum height and weight of the car seat. Many harnesses today serve kids to 50, 60, 80 or even 100 pounds. Keeping the child in the harness to the manufacturer's height and weight is the safest.
- Never use a rear-facing infant seat as a forward-facing seat.
- 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 to receive instructions.
- 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.
- Place the harness straps through the strap slots so they are even with or just above the child's shoulders and the straps a snug with no slack.
- Adjust the chest clip to arm pit level.

### Important tips

- ✓ Do not purchase a used car seat when you do not know the car seat was involved in a crash, has missing parts or labels, or is over 5 years age
- ✓ **Never** leave a child unattended for any reason, for any length of time in the vehicle.
- ✓ Keep all children under age 13 in the back seat.
- ✓ Keep all loose items such as strollers and groceries securely stored in the trunk or with cargo netting.

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