

Car Seat Safety for Newborns



Infants *must* ride in the back seat facing the rear of the vehicle.

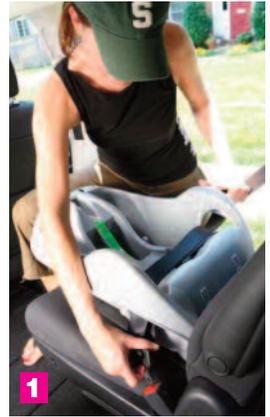
Make every ride as safe as it can be!

WARNING! This education does not replace getting your car seat checked by a certified car seat technician. Find a certified car seat technician at www.ctsafekids.org/carseat_info.htm or 860-545-9988.

Complete the checklist below to make your travel a safe one.

On the First Ride Home:

- My car seat is **ATTACHED** to the vehicle using either the seat belt^[1] or the LATCH^[2] system.
- My car seat is at about a 45° angle (check the manual for the **ANGLE** recommended by the manufacturer).
- My car seat **DOES NOT MOVE** more than 1 inch side-to-side when I pull on it. (Test it at the belt path - where the seat belt or LATCH enter the car seat.)



In-Room To Do List:

- Make an **APPOINTMENT** to get my car seat checked by a certified car seat technician:^[3] www.ctsafekids.org/carseat_info.htm or 860-545-9988.
- Check to make sure my car seat is not **RECALLED**: www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm or 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).
- REGISTER** my car seat by mail (registration card), online or by calling the manufacturer, so that any recall information will be sent directly to me.
- I am not using a car seat that has been in a **CRASH**. For NHTSA's recommendation about use of a car seat after a crash www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/childps/ChildRestraints/ReUse/RestraintReUse.htm or call your car seat manufacturer.



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