Child safety seats work best when used correctly. 4 out of 5 parents can use a helping hand.

➤ When a child has outgrown a rear-facing seat, they may be turned forward-facing. This is usually after 3 years old.

➤ Keep children harnessed until they reach their seat’s upper weight or height limit.

➤ Harness straps at or above the shoulder.

➤ Remember to start using the top tether and install tightly.

➤ It is safest to keep your child in a five-point harness until your child is 5 or 6 years old or to the capacity of the seat.

Children are safest in the back seat!

888-VMT-SEAT (868-7328)
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Children are depending on you to properly buckle them up.

All Harnessed Seats:

➡️ Check both the car seat owner’s manual and the vehicle manual for proper installation.

➡️ Check labels to determine the correct belt path of the child seat.

➡️ Use the seat belt or lower anchors, not both.

➡️ The seat belt must be locked when used with a car seat. See the vehicle and car seat manuals for instructions.

➡️ Make sure the seat is secured and snug to the vehicle with less than one inch of side-to-side movement. Check by placing one hand at the belt path and pulling.

➡️ Place the chest clip at armpit level.

➡️ Make sure nothing is behind or under the seat or child—no bunting, blankets or bulky clothing.

➡️ Harness must be flat and smooth—no twists.

➡️ Harness must be snug. If it can be pinched at the shoulder, tighten the harness.

Learn more at: BeSeatSmart.org

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