

Your baby weighs 5 pounds or more

DO

- ✓ Use a safety seat designed for infants that meets federal standards
- ✓ Consider a seat with 3 or more harness strap positions
- ✓ Maintain correct seat angle according to manufacturer's instructions
- ✓ Read vehicle & safety seat instruction manuals for assistance
- ✓ Install seat prior to hospital discharge
- ✓ Seek safety seat technicians in your area for assistance
- ✓ Child must ride rear-facing until at least 1 year & 20 pounds, longer if convertible seat allows

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DO NOT

- ✗ Use a safety seat with unknown history (yard sale, consignment store, etc.)
- ✗ Wait until discharge to install safety seat or seek help
- ✗ Place padding behind infant's back or under infant's bottom
- ✗ Purchase **extra** products to put on seat (harness strap covers, toys, head supports, etc.)
- ✗ Turn child forward-facing prior to 1 year of age & 20 pounds
- ✗ Never place rear-facing child seat in front of an airbag



For more information call,
Safe Kids Virginia (804) 628-2077



Choosing The Best Safety Seat For Your Newborn



Using a child safety seat can protect your child's life. The best safety seat is one that fits your child, fits your vehicle and one you can use correctly on every ride.



4 out of 5 child safety seats are installed incorrectly.

For assistance from trained safety seat technicians go to www.nhtsa.gov or call Safe Kids Virginia, (804) 628-2077.

Your baby weighs less than 5 pounds

DO

- ✓ Consider purchasing a federally approved infant car seat with a lower weight limit (i.e. lower weight listed as birth or 4 pounds)
- ✓ Consider a seat with 5-point harness system
- ✓ Consider a seat with two crotch strap positions
- ✓ Consider a seat with 3 or more harness strap positions
- ✓ Maintain correct seat angle according to manufacturer's instructions
- ✓ Read vehicle & safety seat instruction manuals for assistance
- ✓ Install seat prior to hospital discharge
- ✓ Seek safety seat technicians in your area for assistance
- ✓ Child must ride rear-facing until at least 1 year & 20 pounds, longer if convertible safety seat allows

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DO NOT

- ✗ Use a safety seat with listed weight of 5 pounds or more
- ✗ Use a safety seat with unknown history (yard sale, consignment store, etc.)
- ✗ Wait until discharge to install safety seat or seek help
- ✗ Place padding behind infant's back or under infant's bottom
- ✗ Purchase **extra** products to put on seat (harness strap covers, toys, head supports, etc.)
- ✗ Turn child forward-facing prior to 1 year of age & 20 pounds
- ✗ Never place rear-facing child seat in front of an airbag