

# Check

*your child car seat*



## Rear-Facing

Using a child car seat correctly can reduce injuries by 75%. Use your seat properly on every journey.

**MAKE EVERY RIDE A SAFE RIDE,  
TAKE THE TIME TO DO IT RIGHT.**

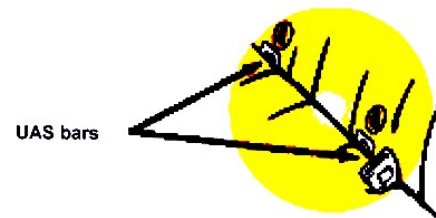
- REAR FACING**
  - I have read the child car seat manual for the correct installation instructions.
  - I have read my vehicle owner's manual on how to install a child car seat
  - I have not placed my child's car seat in front of an active airbag.
  - My child's car seat is Canadian-approved and has a CMVSS label.
  - My child's car seat is not older than 10 years as recommended by Transport Canada.
  - My baby's height and weight are within the limits of the car seat.
  - I have placed my child's car seat in the "kid zone" (backseat).
  - The child car seat is facing the rear of the vehicle.

- SECURING THE CHILD SAFETY SEAT**

**There are two systems that can be used to secure the child car seat. Do not use both systems. Use one or the other, whichever secures best.**

### Either...

- I have the Universal Anchorage System (UAS/LATCH) in my vehicle.** The UAS/LATCH can be found in vehicles made since September 1, 2002. (\*Note, some vehicles were fitted with UAS/LATCH before this date – check your owner's manual.)
  - I have checked my vehicle owner's manual on where to find the UAS/LATCH locations in my vehicle.
  - I have connected the child car seat or base to the UAS/LATCH anchors.
  - I have pulled the UAS/LATCH belt tight, using my body weight on the base of the seat to ensure tightness.



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Or

I am using the seat belt to secure the child car seat.



- I have checked my vehicle owner's manual on how to use a seat belt for a child car seat.
- The seat belt is routed through the correct path (instruction booklet or sticker on the seat will show the proper path) on the child car seat or base and buckled up.
- The seat belt is tight because I have pushed down on the child car seat or base with my body weight before buckling up.
- I have tested the belt to see that it has "locked" in place and will not slip. If the seat belt slips, I have used a locking clip.
- My child's car seat is at a 45° angle. The child car seat may have a built in level or I may need to check the angle manually.  
(\*Note – A styrofoam pool noodle can be used between the base of the child car seat and the vehicle seat to get a 45° angle.)

 THE HARNESS STRAPS

- The shoulder harness is threaded according to the child car seat instructions.
- The shoulder harness straps should be at or below my child's shoulders coming from the back of the child car seat.
- The chest clip is positioned at the level of my child's armpits.
- The shoulder harness does not slip off my child's shoulders.
- The harness is snug. I can only fit one finger between the harness and my child's collar bone.
- The shoulder harness system stays snug when I pull on it.

 SAFETY ALWAYS

- My child rides in the car seat every time he/she is in the vehicle.
- The child car seat's carrying handle is in the down position when the vehicle is moving.
- I have checked for any recalls on my child's car seat. Recall information is available from Transport Canada at 1-800-333-0371 or at [www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety](http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety) (click on child safety).
- My child will be seated rear-facing in a child car seat appropriate for his/her weight and height until he/she is at least one year of age and 20 lb (9kg).



For more information, visit [www.regional.niagara.on.ca/carseats](http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/carseats) or telephone Niagara Region Public Health Department at 905-688-8248, ext. 7362.

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