



Child Car Seats



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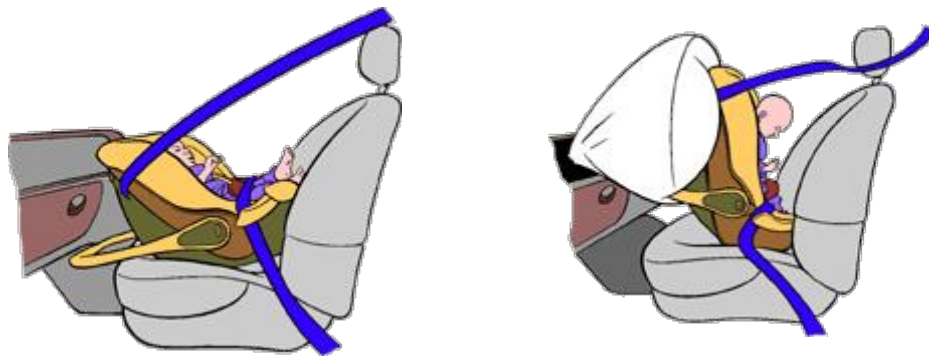
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Fitting Child Seats

If you use the child seat in more than one car, follow the advice below for each car.

It's safer to fit child seats in the rear of the car, but if necessary they can be fitted in the front. But, **NEVER** fit a rearward-facing baby seat in the front if there is an airbag on the passenger side of the car. If the airbag went off it would strike the seat with considerable force.



Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for fitting the seat. If you have lost the instructions, contact the child seat manufacturer to check if they can provide a copy.

Make sure the seatbelt passes through all the correct guides on the child seat. Some seats have an alternative routing if the seat belt is too short to go around the main route.

Push your weight into the child seat as you tighten the seat belt to make sure the child seat is securely held. There should be no slack in the seat belt.



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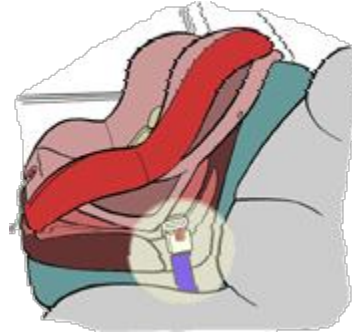
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The child seat should rest firmly on the car seat, with hardly any forwards or sideways movement.



Check that the seatbelt buckle is not resting on the child seat frame (this is known as 'buckle crunch').

Keep the fitting instructions with the child seat in the car.

If you are unsure about anything, seek advice and if possible get someone to check the fitting of child seat for you. If you have a Britax seat, you can enter the details of the seat and your car on their "Fit Finder" website for advice on the best position to fit it.

Never modify the seat or adult seatbelt to make it fit.

If you are fitting a forward-facing child seat in the front of a car, make sure the car seat is as far back as it will go, so the child is as far as possible from the dashboard. This reduces the possibility of head or chest injuries in a crash.

If you take the child seat out of the car, make sure you fit it properly every time you put it back in. If it stays in the car permanently, check it regularly to make sure it is still securely held.