

Child Car Seat Safety



Starting Out Safely

Rear Facing



For babies up to about 30 months old

Forward Facing



This seat is for children who have outgrown their rearward facing seat.

Booster



This seat lifts the child up so that an adult seat belt fits.

Seat Belt



Use the 5-step test to see if your child is ready to be in a seat belt.

It is important that children **DO NOT** move to the next seat before they are ready as this could cause serious injury. Always use the shoulder markers on your seat to guide you.

Straps are at shoulder level.

Check against minimum and maximum height markers, located on the child seat.

Make sure straps are not twisted and are a snug fit with one finger-width of slack.



Ensure rear tether strap is secured to the correct anchor point.

Position your child with their back and bottom flat against the car seat.

Ensure the seat belt is tight, keeping the car seat in place.



Check that the top tether strap is fixed to the anchor point and is pulled tight with no slack/give and has no twist



Locate the car's factory fitted child restraint anchorage point (see car manual if not able to find) and confirm that you are using the correct anchor point of your car.

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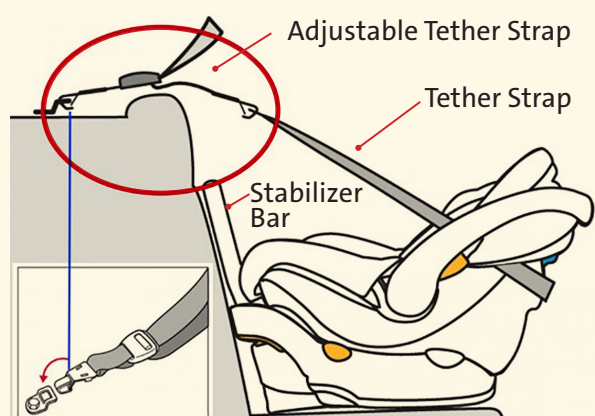


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For all child car seats and capsules the tether strap should be straight. You may need an extension tether strap to reach the anchor point.

Also if your seat includes a stabilizer bar, be sure to use it when the seat is in the rear-facing position.

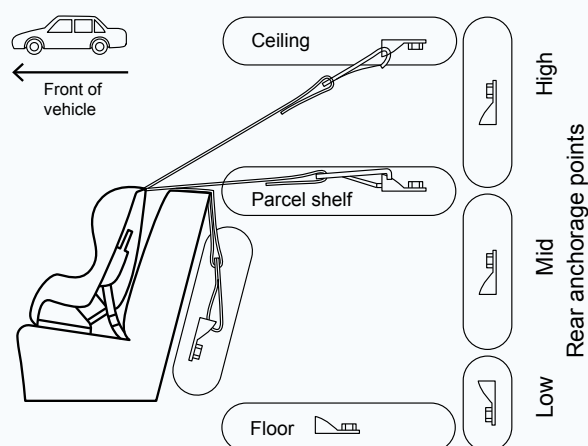
Either use the seat belt or Isofix connectors.



Make sure you use the correct anchor point for the child seat. These can be found in the areas shown on this diagram.

Use your car manual to find the right one.

Anchorage points



Make sure the seat has an approved Australian Standard Sticker and labeling showing **AS/NZS 1754**. Stickers should **NOT** be damaged or removed. Seats without appropriate stickers should not be used.

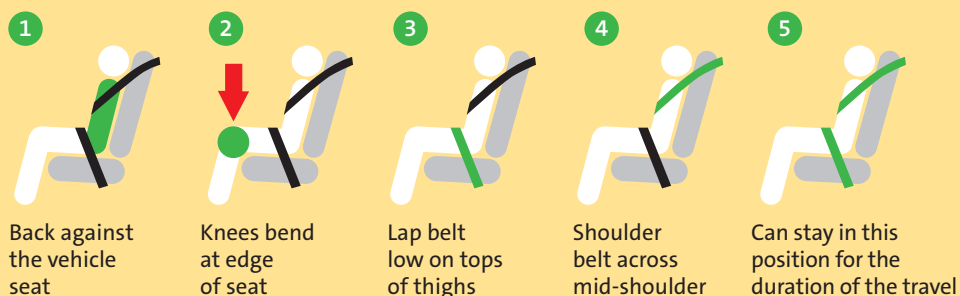


Before moving a child from a Child Booster Seat, **please ensure that they meet all 5 steps of the test.**

If they do not pass all 5 Steps they must remain in a Booster Seat.

This is at around 145cm

THE FIVE STEP TEST



The safest place for children to sit is in the rear seats. Children from the age of 12 over 145cm are able to sit in the front seat.

Never place a rear-facing car seat where an active air bag is fitted.



For more information go to ELAA's Starting Out Safely website www.childroadsafety.org.au