Infants: A safe ride from the start
10 tips to installing your infant’s car seat right the first time

1. **Oregon Law requires children under 40 pounds to use a car seat with a harness and remain rear facing until at least 2 years old.**

2. Be sure your child meets the height and weight limits of the car seat.

3. Expecting multiples? Choose a car seat with a min. weight of 4 lbs or less.

4. NEVER place a rear-facing car seat in front of a frontal airbag.

5. The safest place for your child is in the back seat until at least 13 years of age.

6. Always install a rear-facing car seats in the back seat using vehicle seat belt or LATCH.

7. Ensure your car seat is at the correct recline angle. Check your owner’s manual for that and other important info.

8. Fit the harness snugly so it isn’t loose. You should not be able to pinch any extra harness strap at the shoulder.

9. Harnesses must be at or below shoulders for rear-facing seats.

10. Place the chest clip at armpit level, away from the neck.

Questions? OHSU Doernbecher Safety Center can help. Call to schedule an appointment to have your car seat checked by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

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