

## Rear-facing Car Seats

### Infant seat with or without a base

- Always face the rear of the vehicle
- Keep infant rear-facing as long as possible
- Seat with a base: base is secured in the vehicle, car seat clicks in and out of base while base remains in vehicle
- Base should be installed tightly in the vehicle so there is less than one inch of movement from side-to-side, or forward
- Seat without a base has seat belt path on car seat shell, should also be installed tightly into vehicle
- Do not dress baby in thick clothing (i.e. puffy winter coat)
- Chest clip should be at armpit level
- Harness straps should be snug with no slack
- Harness straps should be through slots at, or below shoulders
- Should be semi-reclined so baby's head contacts back of seat and does not fall forward
- If vehicle seat is contoured, use "foot" of car seat base to fill up space, or use tightly rolled towel or section of pool noodle to create a level surface
- It is okay to place rolled receiving blankets on sides of baby in seat to help support baby but is never okay to put anything under the baby or under the harness
- Move baby into rear-facing convertible when baby's head is within 1" of the top of car seat shell



### Rear-facing Convertible Seat

- Convertible seats can face backward or forward
- Use rear-facing when child outgrows infant seat
- Use rear-facing until child reaches the weight or height limit of seat (as long as possible)
- Should be semi-reclined so baby's head lies back on seat and does not fall forward
- Chest clip should be at armpit level
- Harness straps should be snug, with no slack
- Harness straps should be through slots at, or below shoulders
- Seat should be installed tightly using proper seat belt or LATCH path

