

Quick Tips

Children should remain rear facing until they are 1 year old **and** weigh 20 lbs.

It's the law

Children must be in a booster seat until they are 8 years old or weigh 80 lbs.

Children should ride in the rear seat until 12 years of age.

Make sure you **BUCKLE UP!**

Your child will follow your good habits.

Bridgewater Township Police Department

Important Telephone Numbers

“911” for an emergency

(908) 722 - 4111 for non-emergency

<http://www.Bridgewaterpd.com>

A Guide for Child Car Seat Safety



Traffic Safety Unit

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Police Department**

Chief Richard J. Borden

General Child Seat Use Information

Children ages 12 and under are safest when properly buckled in the rear seat.

Always refer to the child seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions for proper use and installation instructions.

Age/Weight	Seat Type/Seat Position	Usage Tips
Infants		
<p>Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 lbs.</p> <p>Less than 1 year/ 20-35 lbs.</p> <p><i>Children may remain in their rear-facing seats as long as they haven't exceeded the height or weight requirements.</i></p>	<p>Infant-Only Seat/rear-facing or Convertible Seat/used rear-facing</p> <p>Convertible Seat/used rear-facing (select one recommended for heavier infants)</p> <p><i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i></p>	<p>Never use in a front seat where an air bag is present.</p> <p>Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing the rear.</p> <p>Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle.</p> <p>Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level (lower set of slots for most convertible child safety seats).</p> <p>Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.</p>
Preschoolers/Toddlers		
<p>1 to 4 years/ at least 20 lbs. to approximately 40 lbs.</p> <p><i>Children may remain in their forward-facing seats as long as they haven't exceeded the height or weight requirements.</i></p>	<p>Convertible Seat/forward-facing or Forward-Facing Only or Combination Seat with Harness.</p> <p><i>Seats should be secured to the vehicle by the safety belts or by the LATCH system.</i></p>	<p>Tightly install child seat in rear seat, facing forward.</p> <p>Harness straps/slots at or above child's shoulders (usually top set of slots for convertible child safety seats).</p> <p>Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level.</p>
Young Children		
<p>4 to at least 8 years/unless they are 4'9" (57") tall.</p>	<p>Belt-Positioning Booster No back or High Back Belt-Positioning Booster.</p> <p>NEVER use with lap-only belts— <i>belt-positioning boosters are always used with lap and shoulder belts.</i></p>	<p>Booster used with adult lap and shoulder belt in rear seat.</p> <p>Shoulder belt should rest snugly across chest, rests on shoulder; and should NEVER be placed under the arm or behind the back.</p> <p>Lap-belt should rest low, across the lap/upper thigh area— not across the stomach.</p>