CHILD SAFETY SEAT GUIDE

INFANT ONLY SEATS
- **Rear-face** from birth until about 20-22 pounds.
- When infant outgrows infant only seat, move to rear-facing convertible seat.
- *Always* use rear-facing.
- *NEVER* place in front of an airbag.

CONVERTIBLE SEATS
- **Rear-face** until 2 years of age or until child reaches the upper rear-facing weight or height limit of seat.
- Most can be used rear-facing to about 35 pounds.
- *NEVER* place in front of an airbag.
- **Forward-face** from about 2 years of age until child reaches the upper forward-facing weight or height limit of the seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds; some can be used longer).

FORWARD-FACING ONLY SEATS WITH HARNESSSES
- **Forward-face** from about 2 years of age until child reaches the upper weight or height limit of the seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds; some can be used longer).

BELT-POSITIONING BOOSTER SEATS
- Use after child outgrows a forward-facing convertible or forward-facing only seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).
- Keep child in booster until adult seat belt fits properly.
- Must use with a lap/shoulder seat belt.

INDIANA’S CHILD RESTRAINT LAW
- Children under age 8 must be in child restraints that meet current federal safety standards.
- Children from age 8 up to 16 must use a child restraint or vehicle safety belt.
- This law applies to all seating positions in all vehicles including cars, vans, trucks, and SUVs.
- Anyone who drives children is responsible for them being properly restrained.
- If children are not properly buckled up, the driver can be fined $25.

Always read manufacturer’s instructions. *Children 12 years and younger are safer in the back seat.*
LAP/SHOULDER SAFETY BELT USE GUIDE

CHILDREN
• Use when the adult seat belt fits properly, low on the hips and across the middle of the shoulder (around 4’9” tall and 8-12 years of age).
• Adjust vehicle headrest to the top of the ears or higher.

ADULTS
• Wear lap belt low and snug.
• Wear shoulder belt snug across chest.
• Keep vehicle seat in upright position.
• Adjust vehicle headrest to the top of the ears or higher.

PREGNANT WOMEN
• Wear lap belt below abdomen, across hips.
• Wear shoulder belt across chest, between breasts.
• Adjust vehicle headrest to the top of the ears or higher.

REMEMBER
DO NOT wear safety belts:
• Behind back
• Across neck or face
• Over bulky clothing
• Loose or floppy

INDIANA’S SAFETY BELT LAW
• Everyone 16 years and older MUST wear a safety belt.
• This law applies to all seating positions in all vehicles including cars, vans, trucks, and SUVs.
• Violators can be fined up to $25.

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