## Child Car Seats: Over One Year

**Forward-facing child car seats are for children:**
- Over one year old AND over 10 kg (22 lb.).
- Until they reach at least 18 kg (40 lb.).
- Children may stay rear-facing.

It is recommended that children stay rear-facing to the manufacturer’s upper weight limit for rear-facing.

### Types of forward-facing child car seats

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<th>Infant/child seat (Convertible)</th>
<th>Infant/child/booster seat (Three-In-One)</th>
<th>Child/booster seat (Combination)</th>
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<td>Can be used rear-facing and then converted to forward-facing when the child is the appropriate age and weight</td>
<td>Can be used rear or forward-facing with harness straps</td>
<td>Used forward facing only</td>
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<td>Has forward-facing weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 29.5 kg (65 lb.)</td>
<td>Has forward-facing weight limits that vary depending on the make and model – some go up to 45 kg (100 lb.) with harness straps</td>
<td>Can be used forward-facing with harness and as a booster seat without harness.</td>
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<td>Has harness straps to secure the child</td>
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Installation and harnessing checklist

☐ I have read the child car seat instructions and the child seat section of
the vehicle owner’s manual.
☐ Child is dressed in clothing that is not bulky
☐ Harness straps are positioned above my child’s shoulders.
☐ Harness straps are not twisted.
☐ Child seat is forward facing.
☐ Child seat is in the upright position.
☐ Seat belt or Universal Anchorage System (UAS) is in the correct belt
path for forward-facing.
☐ Child seat is secured tightly by a vehicle seat belt or UAS.
☐ A locking clip is used if needed.
☐ Tether strap is tightly secured to designated anchor in vehicle
☐ Harness straps are snug; no more than one finger can fit between
the harness and the child’s collarbone.
☐ Chest clip is at armpit level.

Safety Guidelines

• There’s no need to turn your child forward-facing
  too soon.
• Child car seats purchased in other countries are not legal for use
  in Canada.
• All forward-facing child seats must be tethered.
• Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions and read your
  vehicle owner’s manual.

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