



## Peterborough Police Auxiliary Unit Infant Car Seat Tip Sheet

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Email us with your questions or to book an appointment with one of our car seat educators for assistance with installation of your seat.

### Harness Straps

- Shoulder straps AT or BELOW the child's shoulders where they attached to the seat
- Waist straps must be snug into the child's hip joints with no twists, folds or kinks
- Chest clip must be, centered on child's sternum, through nipple line (armpit level)
- Pull tight enough that you can't pinch 1cm of strap above or below the chest clip

If car seat is rear-facing:

**CORRECT:**



✓ Harness straps are **at or below** child's shoulders.

**INCORRECT:**



✗ Harness straps are above child's shoulders.

**CORRECT:**



✓ Chest clip is buckled and at armpit level.

**INCORRECT:**



✗ Chest clip is unbuckled or positioned too low or too high.

### Seat Handle

- Look for a sticker or in the instruction book for the required handle position when in car
- Don't attach toys to the handle that may swing into the child's face during a collision

### General Seat Type Guidelines

- Birth-20 pounds – Infant Seat – rear-facing only

- 20-40 pounds – Stage 2-3 Seats – start rear-facing and change to forward facing
- 40-80 pounds – Booster Seat – child must be tall enough that seat belt falls properly
- 80+ pounds – Seatbelt – child must be at least 8 years old and over 4'9" tall
- Manufacturer's height and weight guidelines may differ, always follow them

These are general tips only. Always refer to and follow the manufacturer's instructions. For more info: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/choose-car-seat.shtml>