

National Child Restraint Use Special Study: 5 most common car seat installation mistakes

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1. Wrong harness slot used

For rear-facing seats, use the slots located at or below the child's shoulders. For forward-facing seats, use the slots located at or above the child's shoulders.



2. Improper harness retainer/ chest clip position

The proper positioning is at armpit level. The chest/retainer clip should NOT be positioned over the abdomen.



3. Loose child restraint system (CRS) installation

The car seat should not move more than 1 inch from side to side or front to back when checked at the belt path.



4. Loose harness strap

There should be no slack if you pinch the strap at the child's shoulder.



5. Improper seat belt placement with booster seat

The lap belt should lie snugly across the upper thighs and not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest, not the neck or face.

For more tips on car seat safety, including lists of the best-fitting seats per individual model, visit www.nissanusa.com/snugkids/ and www.infinitiusa.com/snugkids

Keep in mind that air bags are a supplemental restraint system and always must be used in conjunction with a seat belt. A rear-facing CRS must never be placed in the front-passenger seat. An inflating supplemental air bag could seriously injure or kill your child. All children 12 and under should ride in the rear seat properly secured in a CRS, booster seat, or seat belt, according to their size. For a comprehensive guide to child safety seat installation and use, consult your child safety seat and vehicle manuals.

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