CAR SEAT SAFETY

AGE GROUP	TYPE OF SEAT	GENERAL GUIDELINES
INFANTS/ TODDLER 	**Infant car seat** 0- 20 lbs And/or 1 year old. **Rear- facing Convertible** 5-35 lbs and/ or up to 2 years old.	All infants and toddlers should ride in a Rear-Facing Car Seat until they are 2 years of age or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat's manufacturer.
Toddler/preschoolers 	**Forward-facing Convertible seats with harness** 20 -40 lbs and/or 1- 2 years to 4 years old (some convertible car seats have a top weight limit of 40, 50, 65, or 80 lbs)	All children 2 years or older, or those younger than 2 years who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their car seat, should use a **Forward-Facing Car Seat** with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed their car seat's manufacturer.
School-aged children 	**Booster Seats** High back Booster 30-100 lbs and 34" to 57" tall **No Back Booster** 40-110 lbs and up to 57' tall	All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their car seat should use a **Belt-Positioning Booster Seat** until the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches (57") in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age.
Older Children 	**Seat Belts** Over 5ft tall and over 100 lbs.	When children are old enough and large enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use **Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts** for optimal protection. All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection.