



Rear-facing car seats:

The facts

- Children under 2 years old are **5 TIMES** safer riding rear-facing.
- A rear-facing car seat cradles the child's head and neck in a crash, preventing injury.
- Riding rear-facing provides a place to rest long legs, and the recline keeps the child's head from falling forward while sleeping.
- Car seats today are designed to fit toddlers so they can comfortably ride rear-facing longer.
- Rear-facing leg injuries are RARE and are easier to fix than a head or neck injury, which would be more likely to happen by turning forward-facing too soon.
- Children are safest riding in a rear-facing seat when:
 - There is at least 1 inch between the top of the child's head and the top of the car seat
 - They are within the weight limit of the seat
- Children should remain rear-facing until they are **at least 2 years old** and longer if possible.

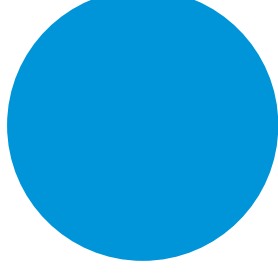
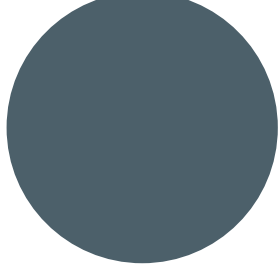
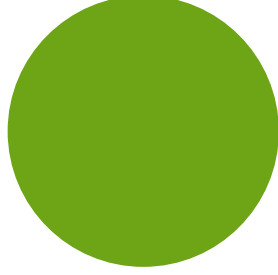
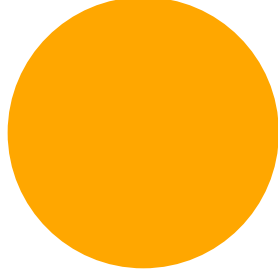
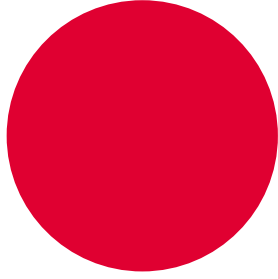
Keep them safe ... keep them rear-facing.

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