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Keep Warm and Safe Car Seat Safety in Winter

Car Seat Safety Information
for Parents & Caregivers



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Car seats are not made to be used with bulky clothes. The thicker the clothing, the looser the harness. In a crash, a loose harness can cause the child to be ejected.

The straps of the car seat harness need to fit snugly against the child's chest. Remember: shoulder strap that can be pinched will need to be cinched.

How to Keep a Child Warm and Safe

- + Use bulky clothes and blankets over the harness, never under.
- + Babies in rear-facing infant car seats can use blankets and/or an elasticized car seat cover after being buckled into their seat.
- + Blankets cannot be tucked under the harness or behind the baby's back.
- + With toddlers simply remove coat before buckling. After the harness has been secured, put coat on backward with the child's arms through the sleeves.

