

# Car Seat Safety

## WARM AND SAFE



Make sure you are safely buckling your little ones this winter. Try this coat test to ensure your child's harness is secure.

1

Place the child wearing their coat into the car seat.

2

Correctly position the harness on the child. Adjust the harness to snugly to fit the child.

- A snug harness does not allow the webbing to be folded between your thumb and forefinger when pinched at the shoulder.

3

Without loosening the harness, unbuckle and remove the child from the car seat.

4

Remove the child's coat and place the child back into the car seat. Correctly position the harness on the child's body and buckle the harness again.

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If you can pinch the webbing between your thumb and forefinger, the coat is too bulky to be worn under the harness.



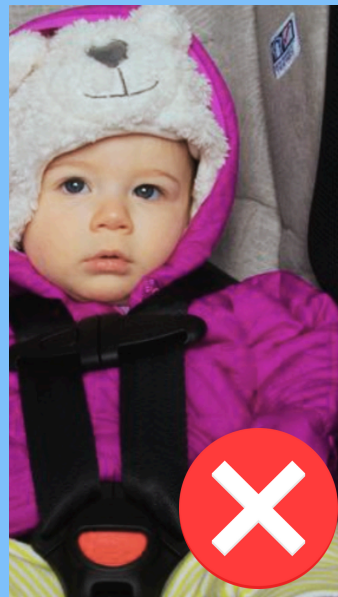
### WHERE DO I CHECK TIGHTNESS?



SPACE IS NORMAL.  
CONTACT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN AT THE TORSO.



THIS IS CORRECT.  
CONTACT SHOULD HAPPEN AT THE SHOULDERS.



Puffy Material



Loose Fitting  
Harness



Lightweight Fleece  
with a Blanket



Snug Fitting  
Harness



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# WINTER

## Travel Safety



**DO!** Dress your child in lightweight fleece layers instead of puffy materials to ensure a snug-fitting harness.

**DO!** Use car seats following car seat manufacturer's instructions and only use items that came with the car seat. Never add inserts, canopy covers, toys or vehicle seat protectors to the car seat. These items may interfere with the protection provided in a crash. Only products approved by the car seat manufacturer are acceptable to use.



**DO!** Secure the child with a snug harness. To keep a child warm, buckle the child with a snug harness and then add a blanket over the harness or put the child's coat on backwards.

**DO!** Slow down to adjust for changing weather conditions. Be sure to allow ample space between your vehicle and a snow plow. Be very cautious if you must pass.

**DO!** Prepare your vehicle. Make sure you have safe tires with proper tread. Have a full tank of gas and top off your vehicles fluids.



**DO!** Stock your vehicle. Make sure you have jumper cables, blankets, flares and a flashlight in the event of a breakdown or crash.

**DO!** Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time. Every Vehicle. Have your child's car seat checked to learn how to correctly use it before travel.

