

Winter Coats and Car Seats



Winter coats help keep kids safe and warm outside, but can endanger them while riding in car or booster seats.

CORRECT



- ✓ **DO** dress your child in a **well-fitted fleece**.
- ✓ **DO** lay a blanket **over a child's legs** for added warmth, but never near a child's face.
- ✓ **DO** make sure **straps** are **tight** and **chest clip** is **positioned at** the armpit level. **Harness straps** should be **at or above** the child's shoulders for a forward-facing seat and **at or below** the shoulders for a rear-facing seat.
- ✓ **DO** keep children **rear-facing** as long as possible, until they reach the upper height and weight limits of the car seat.
- ✓ **DO** be sure the car seat doesn't **move** more than **one inch** from side to side and front to back.

INCORRECT



- ✗ **DO NOT** dress your child in a **thick coat**.
- ✗ **DO NOT** put a blanket **under** your child's body or **between** your child's body and the harness straps.
- ✗ **DO NOT** have **loose straps**. You shouldn't be able to pinch together any of the harness strap fabric.
- ✗ **DO NOT** add **attachments** to a car seat. Only use equipment that comes in the original car seat box.
- ✗ **DO NOT** fasten the **chest clip** too high or low on the child's chest.

To make sure your child is correctly fitted in a car seat, visit www.safemobilityproject.com