



TRANSITION FROM CAPSULE TO CAR SEAT

When is it safest to move your baby out of their capsule?



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Important

According to Australian car seat laws, children up to 6 months must be in a rear facing position.

This position is more comfortable for their necks and is safer in case of an accident.

Baby Capsule

A baby capsule consists of a stay-in-car base and a removable baby capsule and is installed in a rear-facing position.

A baby capsule is ideal for newborns and designed for use up to approximately 6 to 12 months of age, or until they reach the maximum shoulder height limits on the capsule.

Once they have exceeded these height markers, it's recommended they transition to a rearward facing car seat.





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Baby Car seat

Unlike a capsule, a newborn car seat is installed in the vehicle and the baby is harnessed within the vehicle.

They can be used for newborn babies or babies who have outgrown their baby capsule.

Some parents choose a convertible car seat for their newborns, as they are designed to be both rear facing and forward facing, however it is recommended to keep your baby rearward facing for as long as possible until the baby reaches the maximum rear facing shoulder height limits.



Extended rearward facing options are available on some convertible child car seat which have the ability to transport a child in the rearward facing position for up to 2-3 years (30 months) of age.

Once your baby has exceeded the maximum limits of the shoulder height markers of your car seat in the rearward-facing position, they can transition to forward-facing.

- see next page for more information.



REARWARD-FACING TO FORWARD-FACING

When is it safest to turn your child's seat around?

Some rearward-facing car seats have one shoulder height marker. Others have additional markers that show the minimum and maximum shoulder height for moving to a forward-facing position. If your child's car seat has additional markers, keep your child rear facing until they reach the maximum rear facing size limits of the seat.

Children can transition to forward-facing only once their shoulders are above the "must be rear-facing" shoulder height markers on the car seat.



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Children 6 months to 4 years of age must use either an approved:

- Rearward facing child car seat with an inbuilt harness, OR
- Forward facing child car seat with an inbuilt harness
- Properly fitted to the vehicle
- Adjusted to fit the child's body correctly.
- Meet the shoulder height markers to be seated forward facing



REMEMBER

Children under 4 years of age **must not** travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has two or more rows of seats.