

THIS INFORMATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE CHILD RESTRAINT INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN YOUR OWNER MANUAL

Where to Put the Restraint

According to accident statistics, children and infants are safer when properly restrained in a child restraint system or infant restraint system secured in a rear seating position.

General Motors recommends that children and child restraints be secured in a rear seat, including: an infant or a child riding in a rear-facing child restraint; a child riding in a forward-facing child seat; an older child riding in a booster seat; and children, who are large enough, using safety belts.

Never put a rear-facing child seat in the front. This is because the risk to the rear-facing child is so great, if the airbag deploys.

Warning: A child in a rear-facing child restraint can be seriously injured or killed if the right front passenger airbag inflates. This is because the back of the rear-facing child restraint would be very close to the inflating airbag. A child in a forward-facing child restraint can be seriously injured or killed if the right front passenger airbag inflates and the passenger seat is in a forward position.

The vehicle may have a passenger sensing system or a manual airbag on-off switch which is designed to turn off the right front passenger frontal airbag under certain conditions. Even if the passenger sensing system or manual airbag on-off switch, if equipped, has turned off the right front passenger frontal airbag, no system is fail-safe. No one can guarantee that an airbag will not deploy under some unusual circumstance, even though it is turned off.

Secure rear-facing child restraints in a rear seat, even if the airbag is off. If you secure a forward-facing child restraint in the right front seat, always move the front passenger seat as far back as it will go. It is better to secure the child restraint in the back of a vehicle equipped with a rear seat.

See "Passenger Sensing System" or "Airbag On-Off Switch" in the vehicle owner manual for additional information.

Warning: A child in a child restraint in the center front seat can be badly injured or killed by the frontal airbags if they inflate. Never secure a child restraint in the center front seat. It is always better to secure a child restraint in a rear seat.

Do not use child restraints in the center front seat position.

General Motors understands that there may be certain circumstances where it is necessary to transport a child in a forward-facing child restraint in your vehicle. In these cases, we recommend placing the forward-facing child restraint in the right front passenger seat where a top tether anchor is already accessible. The vehicle may have a passenger sensing system or a manual airbag on-off switch which is designed to turn off the right front passenger frontal airbag under certain conditions. In addition, a forward-facing child restraint installed in the right front passenger seat would not interact with the driver frontal airbag. Rear-facing child restraints should not be installed in vehicles without a rear seat, even if the airbag is off. See "Child Restraints" in the vehicle owner manual for instructions on how to install a child restraint in the right front seat position.

Securing Forward-Facing Child Restraints (Center Front Seat Position)

For vehicles without rear seats, manufacturers are required to provide top tether anchors for all non-driver seating positions and instructions for using those anchors. Even if a top tether anchor is available, you should not install a child restraint in the center front seating position.

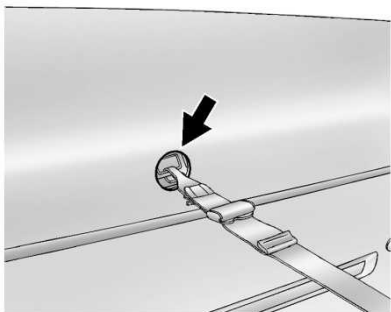
Warning: A child in a child restraint in the center front seat can be badly injured or killed by the frontal airbags if they inflate. Never secure a child restraint in the center front seat. It is always better to secure a child restraint in a rear seat.

In addition, some larger child restraints, if installed in the center front seating position, may interfere with access to the driver and right front passenger safety belt buckles. See "Safety Belts" in the vehicle owner manual for information, including warnings, about the importance of safety belt use.

If you must transport a forward-facing child restraint in the center front seat position, you must have a hole in the back panel trim cover to allow access to the top tether anchor for that position. If your vehicle does not already have a hole, you must have a service procedure performed on your vehicle prior to securing a forward-facing child restraint in the center front seat position. Your GM dealer will cut a hole into the back panel trim cover to allow access to the top tether anchor for the front center seat position. This service procedure will be performed for you at no charge.

The lap belt would be used to secure a child restraint in this position, following the instructions that came with the child restraint.

1. Adjust the driver seat to the desired driving position. Fold the armrest up, if equipped. Move the passenger seat so that the seat and seatback are aligned with the driver seat and seatback positions. See the appropriate section in the vehicle owner manual for more information on adjusting the seat and seatback.
2. Place the child restraint on the seat.
3. If the child restraint manufacturer recommends using a top tether anchor, attach the top tether on the child restraint to the top tether anchor on the vehicle. Route the top tether according to the child restraint instructions and the following instructions:
 - 3.1. Route the top tether over the center seatback or folding armrest, if equipped.



- 3.2. Attach the top tether to the slots in the back panel as shown. Do not tighten the top tether at this time.
4. Pick up the latch plate on the center position lap safety belt, and run the lap safety belt through the restraint. The child restraint instructions will show you how.
5. Push the latch plate into the buckle until it clicks. Position the release button on the buckle so that the safety belt can be unbuckled.
6. Tighten the center position lap belt by pulling on the loose end of the belt. It may be helpful to use your knee to push down on the child restraint as you tighten the belt.
7. Tighten the top tether. Follow the child restraint manufacturer's instructions.
8. Before placing a child in the child restraint, make sure it is securely held in place. To check, grasp the child restraint at the safety belt path and attempt to move it side to side and back and forth. When the child restraint is properly installed, there should be no more than 2.5 cm (1 in) of movement.