

# Child Passenger Safety Recommendations

Information from your health care provider and Safe Kids Grand Forks

Keep your toddler in a rear-facing car seat as long as possible.



Toddlers are safer riding in a rear-facing car seat vs. forward facing until at least their second birthday. In a crash, they have better protection of their fragile head, neck and spine if rear-facing. Following are some safety tips for car seat use:

- If an infant carrier style car seat is used, the child should be switched to a rear-facing convertible car seat once the maximum height or weight has been reached.
- Toddlers should remain rear-facing in a convertible car seat until they have reached the maximum height or weight recommended by the car seat (usually 40-50 pounds), or are at least 2 years old.
- Visit Safe Kids Grand Forks at [www.safekidsgf.com](http://www.safekidsgf.com) for more information.



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# DRIVEWAY SAFETY TIPS

## Limit Play in the Driveway

Work with your kids to pick up toys, bikes, chalk or other equipment around the driveway so that these items don't entice kids to play.

Identify and use safe play areas for children, away from parked or moving vehicles. Teach kids to play in these areas instead of in, around or behind a car.

Don't allow children to play unattended in parking lots when cars are present.

## Check Your Driveway for Kids

We know you're often in a hurry, but before you drive away, take a few seconds to walk all the way around your parked car to check for children.

Designate an adult to supervise and find a safe spot for children to wait when nearby vehicles are about to move and make sure the drivers can see them.

## Lend a Hand to Younger Kids

Accompany little kids when they get in and out of a vehicle. Hold their hand while walking near moving vehicles in driveways and parking lots or on sidewalks.



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