Birth - 12 months
Always keep your child in a rear-facing car seat, in the back seat.
NEVER place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active airbag.

*Age 1 - 3 years
Keep child rear-facing until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's instructions. Then your child is ready for a forward-facing car seat in the back seat.
*American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends a rear-facing car seat until 2 years of age or until they reach the highest rear-facing height or weight allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

Age 4 - 7 years
Keep child in a forward-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat’s instructions. Then your child is ready for a belt-positioning booster seat in the back seat.

Age 8 - 12 years
Keep child in a belt-positioning booster seat until he or she is at least 4’9” tall for a seat belt to fit properly. For a proper fit the lap belt must lie snug across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder & chest.

Georgia Law Requires
Children under 8 must be properly buckled in an approved car seat or booster seat in the back seat.

Car Seat Recommendations
- Choose a car seat based on your child’s size (height & weight).
- Read your car seat’s instructions for use and installation information.
- Read the vehicle owner’s manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system.
- Keep your child in the car seat as long as the child fits within the height or weight limits.
- Keep your child in the back seat until age 13.

Contact your local Health Department for more car seat information or the Office of Injury Prevention at 404-679-0500 or injury@dhr.state.ga.us