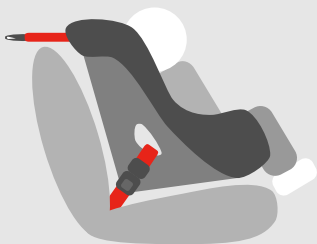


2014 Car Seat Law Changes



child + car seat less than 65 lbs. combined?

USE VEHICLE'S LATCH SYSTEM



child + car seat over 65 lbs. combined?

USE SEAT BELT SYSTEM

Beginning Feb. 27, a new federal requirement will go into effect regarding the LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) car seat system. If the combined weight of the child and the convertible car seat is more than 65 pounds, parents should not use the LATCH system. Instead, they should use the car's seatbelt system to secure the seat.

Child safety experts say the strength of the anchors in the LATCH system cannot be guaranteed because they do not take into account the combined weight of the car seat and child. It's important to understand that the seatbelt system is equally as safe as the LATCH system. What should you do? If your child weighs around 30 lbs. check the weight of your car seat with the manufacturer. Then be certain the weight of your child plus the seat does not exceed 65 lbs. If it does, use the seatbelt system instead of the LATCH system to secure the car seat.



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