

# Buckle Them In, Then Bundle Them Up!

## CAR SEAT SAFETY WINTER TIPS

**Bulky winter coats should NOT be worn in a car seat.**

The extra coat padding makes it hard to get the harness to fit correctly. The harness might feel snug, but the extra material will compress in a crash, making the harness too loose. **Loose harness straps means your child will not be safe in a crash.**



No coat with warm layers, like a light weight fleece. *Warm your car ahead of time when possible.*



No coat with a blanket added after buckling up, or put the coat on backwards over the harness.



A bulky coat will make the seat harness fit incorrectly, which can cause injury or ejection in a car crash.

### Check if your child's coat is safe to wear in the car seat:

1. Put the coat on your child, sit them in the car seat, then buckle and tighten the harness.
2. Without loosening the harness, unbuckle it and remove your child from the seat.
3. Take the coat off your child, then strap them back into the car seat.
4. Without adjusting the straps, check the harness. *If it's too loose, the coat is too thick to wear in the car seat.*