How To Use a Car Seat Tether

What is a tether?

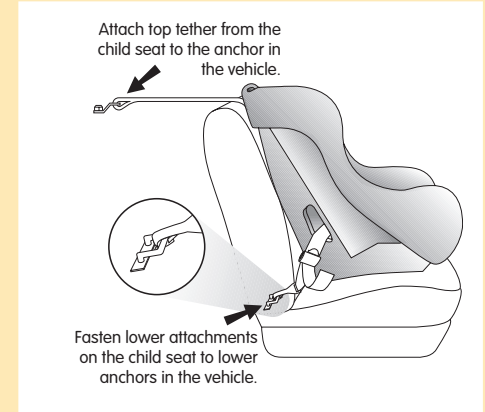A tether connects the top of a car seat to the vehicle.

Why is it important?

A tether prevents serious head and neck injury by securing the top of the car seat and minimizing forward head movement in a crash.
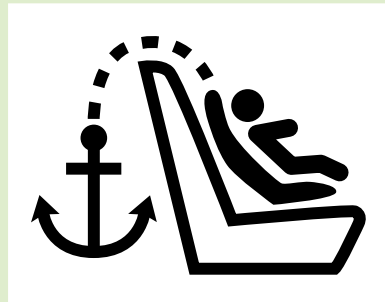

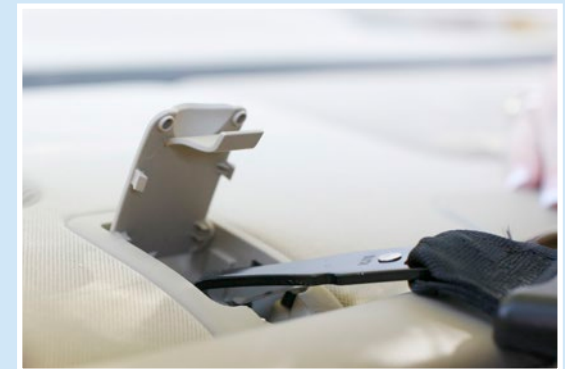**Always** use a tether for forward-facing car seats.

Infant seats and boosters usually do not have a tether.

Attach top tether from the child seat to the anchor in the vehicle.

Fasten lower attachments on the child seat to lower anchors in the vehicle.

The *tether anchor symbol* will show you where the tether can be attached in some vehicles. All passenger vehicles made after 2001 are required to have tether anchors; information can be found in your vehicle owner's manual.

To provide optimum protection, a tether must be attached and tightened properly.

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