How To Use A Tether

What is a tether?

A tether secures the top of a forward-facing car seat to the vehicle's tether anchor.
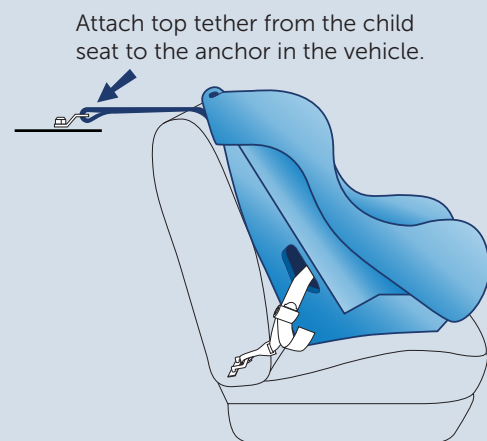
Why is it important?

A tether prevents serious head and neck injury by securing the top of the car seat and reducing the distance a child's head moves forward in a crash.

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.

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.

To provide optimum protection, a tether must be tightened and attached correctly. You can find tether anchor locations in your vehicle owner's manual, and tether installation instructions in your car seat manual.

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