The Importance of Safety

Infants
- Under one year old or less than 20 lbs.

- Booster seats
- Children over one year old and more than 20 lbs.

The Massachusetts Child Passenger Safety law passed in April of 2008 requires children to ride in a federally approved child passenger restraint that is properly fastened and secured until they are 8 years old or 4 feet 9 inches tall.

Safety tips:
- Infants must be secured in rear-facing seats until they are 1 year old or 20 pounds. They must face away from the vehicle rear window.
- Booster seats are used for children who have outgrown their car seats. They are installed in the back seat of the car and are designed to keep children safe.

Maintenance and Installation of LATCH seats:
- Car seats should be installed using the LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) system. This system uses steel belts or top tether straps to secure the car seat in place.
- The installation process is similar to installing a car seat using a seat belt. However, the LATCH system provides a more secure fit and is recommended for children who are 40 pounds or less.
- For more information, contact your local child passenger safety organization or visit the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's website.