What’s a tether?

It’s the strap with a hook hanging on the back, at the top of your child’s car seat. When attached and tightened to one of the vehicle’s tether anchors, a tether helps keep a forward-facing car seat from tipping forward.

Is it necessary?

Yes! A forward-facing car seat secured only at the bottom may tip dangerously forward in a crash, which can result in the child’s head hitting the back of the front seat, other occupants or even the console, causing serious harm. Using the tether could be the difference between a brain injury or no injury at all.

How do you use a tether?

Find the tether anchor then attach the hook on the tether strap to it and tighten. Depending on the type of vehicle you have, the tether anchor will likely be found one of three places.

Check your vehicle owner’s manual to find your tether anchors. Look for this symbol.

Did you know?

In our study, 64% of parents were not using the tether on a forward-facing seat.

Now you know – Look for the tether anchor symbol. Hook and tighten the tether on it. Safe travels!