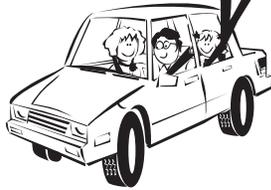**UAS and the Centre Back Seat**

Your owner's manual will tell you if your vehicle has UAS anchors for the centre back seat. If the centre seat does not have UAS locations, the seat belt can be used to secure the child safety seat.

All child safety seats are **safest** in the back seat.

Read your child safety seat or booster seat instruction book and your vehicle owner's manual to make sure you are using the seat properly. Make every ride a safe ride for everyone.
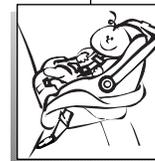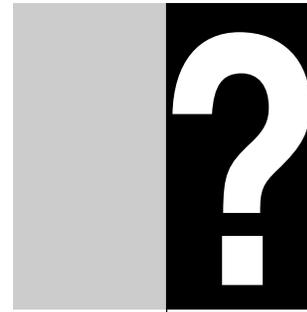
For questions about child safety seats or booster seats, call Alberta Transportation at **780-427-8901 (toll-free in Alberta 310-0000)** or Health Link Alberta:
In Calgary area at **403-943-LINK (5465)**
In Edmonton area at **780-408-LINK (5465)**
Toll-free in Alberta **1-866-408-LINK (5465)**

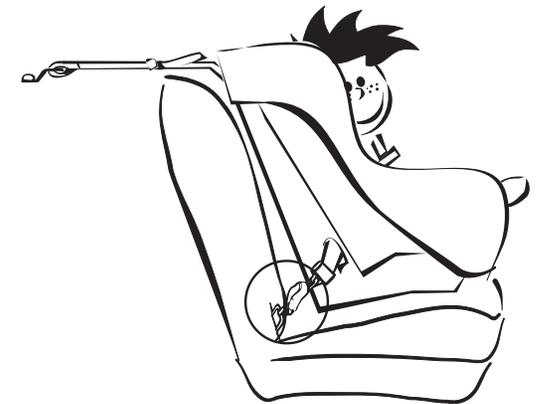For more information, visit **www.albertaseatbelts.ca**

What's holding you back?

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the **tether strap** and **universal anchorage system** (UAS)

When used correctly, child safety seats and booster seats save lives and reduce injuries. Children can get hurt if their child safety seats or booster seats are not used properly. **Here are some tips on how to use the UAS and/or tether strap to secure a child safety seat in your vehicle.**

tether strap

User-ready tether anchors may be marked with this symbol:

The tether strap must be tight. It may need to be doubled back to prevent it from slipping or coming undone.

Check the instructions for your child safety seat. Never fasten more than one child safety seat to an anchor.
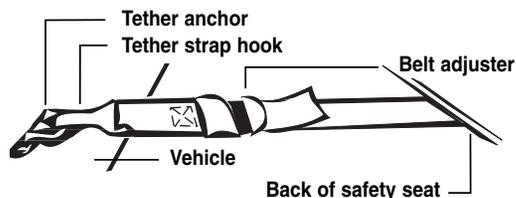
Once a child safety seat is turned forward-facing, it must be held in place with both a tether strap and the seat belt or UAS. The tether strap is on the back of the child safety seat–it **must** be hooked to a tether anchor in the vehicle. If a tether strap isn't used, your child is more likely to be hurt. His head will move dangerously forward in a crash. It is the law in Alberta that a tether strap must be used for all forward-facing safety seats.

Tether Anchors

The vehicle manufacturer decides where to put the tether anchors in a car, truck, or van. They may put them:

- on the shelf in front of the rear window of a car
- on the floor of a van, station wagon, or hatchback
- under the rear window or on the floor of a pick-up truck
- on the back or bottom of a vehicle seat

Where the tether is in your vehicle also depends on the age and type of your vehicle:

- Every **car** made after January 1989 must have tether anchor locations behind the back seats. You may still need to have a tether anchor installed. Read your owner's manual or ask the vehicle dealer for help.

- Every car, light truck, van, or sport utility vehicle made after September 2000 will have user-ready tether anchors. These newer tether anchors are easy to find and use. Read your owner's manual to find out where the tether anchors are.

Tether anchor
Tether strap hook
Belt adjuster
Vehicle
Back of safety seat

universal anchorage system
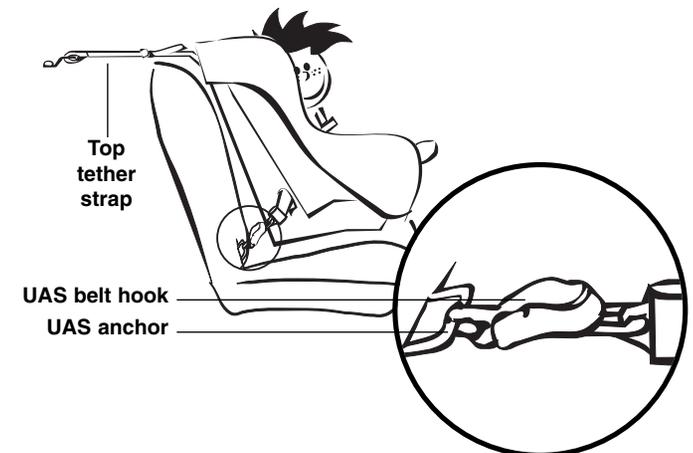(UAS)

Seats with UAS may be marked with this symbol:

As of September 2002, all new cars, vans, light trucks, and sport utility vehicles sold in Canada have UAS anchors for at least two of the back seats. The UAS anchors are found between the back of the seat and the seat cushion. All new child safety seats have a UAS belt.

Using the UAS is not any safer than using the seat belt. It is your choice and should be based on whichever you find easier to use correctly. **Do not use both the UAS and the seat belt**. Use one or the other.

When using the UAS for your child safety seat:
1. Read your vehicle owner's manual to find the UAS anchors.
2. Route the UAS belt through the belt path on the child safety seat.
3. Connect the hooks of the UAS belt on your child safety seat to the UAS anchors.
4. Tighten the UAS belt following your child safety seat instruction manual.
5. For forward-facing child safety seats, attach the tether strap to the tether anchor and tighten.

The child safety seat should move less than 2.5 cm (1 inch) in any direction.

Top tether strap
UAS belt hook
UAS anchor