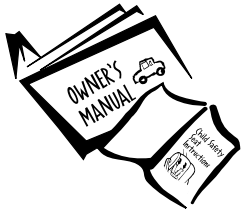


## UAS/LATCH

### UAS/LATCH and the Center Back Seat


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



Read your child safety seat and vehicle owner's manuals to make sure you are using the seat properly. Make every ride a safe ride for everyone.

If you have other questions about child safety seats, call **Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation** at (780) 427-8901 (toll-free in Alberta 310-0000) or **Alberta Health Link** toll-free at 1-866-408-5465 (LINK). For more information, visit [www.saferoads.com](http://www.saferoads.com) or [www.health-in-action.org/aorp](http://www.health-in-action.org/aorp).

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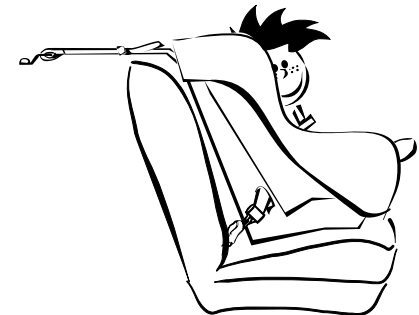


focus on:

**THINK** the kids are buckled up right?  
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the **tether strap**  
and **universal**  
**anchorage**  
**systems** (UAS/LATCH)

When used correctly, child safety seats and booster seats save lives and reduce injuries. Children can get hurt if their child safety seats are not used properly. Here are some tips on how to keep your child safe.



## THE 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 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/LATCH. The tether strap is on the back of the child safety seat and must be hooked to a tether anchor in the vehicle. If a tether strap is not used, your child is more likely to be hurt. His head will move dangerously forward in a crash. The use of a tether strap is required by law for all forward-facing child safety seats in Alberta.

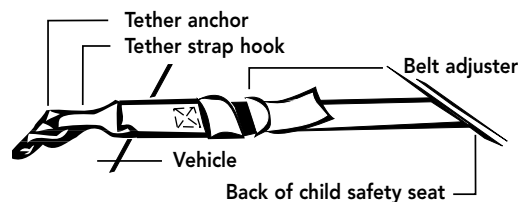
### Tether Anchors

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.

The tether anchor location 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. In these cars, you may need to have a tether bolt 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 these tether anchors are found.



## UNIVERSAL ANCHORAGE SYSTEM (UAS/LATCH)\*

Seats with UAS/LATCH may be marked with this symbol:



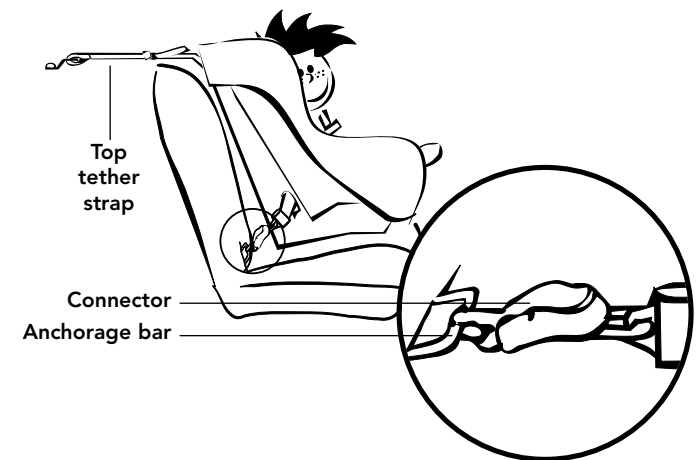
UAS/LATCH is the new system that makes it easier to put a child safety seat in a vehicle. When UAS/LATCH is used, the seat belt is not needed. The UAS/LATCH system has two parts:

- Two lower anchors in the vehicle.
- Two UAS/LATCH hooks on the child safety seat.

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

When using the UAS/LATCH system for your child safety seat:

1. Read your vehicle owner's manual to find the UAS/LATCH anchors.
2. Connect the hooks of the UAS/LATCH belt on your child safety seat to the UAS/LATCH anchors in your vehicle.
3. Pull the UAS/LATCH belt tight.
4. For forward-facing child safety seats, attach the tether strap to the tether anchor and pull tight.



**THINK  
THINK AGAIN.**

\*The Universal Anchorage System (UAS) may also be called Lower Anchorages and Tethers of Children (LATCH)