

# Common Mistakes



**Armpit level**  
The harness re-tainer clip needs to be at armpit level to keep the internal harness system (seat belt system of the seat) on the child's shoulders.



**1 inch test**  
Most seats are not buckled into the vehicle tight enough. Pull and push the seat, side to side, at the belt path. It should not move more than one inch. If it does, put your knee in the seat, push down and pull the seat belt tighter.



**1 finger test**  
There should be no more than 1 finger-width of slack between the child and the seat belt system of the car seat.



**No Twists**  
Harness straps need to be smooth and straight so they absorb the crash forces. This harness re-tainer clip is too low, there is too much slack and the straps are twisted.