

2 YEAR VISIT—PARENT



SAFETY

- Make sure your child's car safety seat is rear facing until he reaches the highest weight or height allowed by the car safety seat's manufacturer. Once your child reaches these limits, it is time to switch the seat to the forward-facing position.
- Make sure the car safety seat is installed correctly in the back seat. The harness straps should be snug against your child's chest.
- Children watch what you do. Everyone should wear a lap and shoulder seat belt in the car.
- Never leave your child alone in your home or yard, especially near cars or machinery, without a responsible adult in charge.
- When backing out of the garage or driving in the driveway, have another adult hold your child a safe distance away so he is not in the path of your car.
- Have your child wear a helmet that fits properly when riding bikes and trikes.
- If it is necessary to keep a gun in your home, store it unloaded and locked with the ammunition locked separately.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR CHILD'S 2½ YEAR VISIT

We will talk about

- Creating family routines
- Supporting your talking child
- Getting along with other children
- Getting ready for preschool
- Keeping your child safe at home, outside, and in the car

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