

## Protecting Children

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To deactivate the locking mechanism in order to remove a child seat, unlatch the buckle, unrout the seat belt, and let the belt fully retract.

### *Installing a Child Seat with the Lap Belt*



To install a forward-facing child seat in the center back seat with the lap belt, follow instruction number 1 on page 34 for routing and latching the seat belt. Then pull hard on the loose end of the belt to remove any slack; it may help to put weight on the child seat while pulling on the belt. Finally, follow instruction number 5 on page 35 to verify that the child seat is secure.

### *Additional Precautions for Small Children*

- ***Never hold a small child on your lap.*** If you are not wearing a seat belt in a crash, you could be thrown forward into the dashboard and crush the child.

If you are wearing a seat belt, the child can be torn from your arms during a crash. For example, if your vehicle crashes into a parked vehicle at 30 mph (48 km/h), a 30-lb (14 kg) child will become a 900-lb (410 kg) force, and you will not be able to hold on.

- ***Never put a seat belt over yourself and a child.*** During a crash, the belt could press deep into the child and cause very serious injuries.