



**FIG 11-11** LATCH (lower anchors and tethers for children) universal child safety seat system. **A**, Flexible two-point attachment with top tether. **B**, Rigid two-point attachment with top tether. **C**, Top tether. (Courtesy of US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

Children with disabilities may require a restraint system that secures them appropriately in the event of a crash. Examples of such devices include car bed restraints for infants who cannot tolerate a semireclining position and specially adapted molded-plastic chairs for children who have spica casts. The E-Z-On vest is a special safety harness for larger children with poor trunk control. A HIPPO (Spica Cast) car seat is available for transporting children with spica casts; these are sold only in the United States. Additional safety restraints and a listing of distributors are available at the SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. website.\* See also [Chapter 8](#) for a discussion of preterm infants being discharged home and car seat evaluation.

Children should not ride in the open back of a truck. The danger of falls can be compounded by another vehicle striking the child or by the truck rolling over. In addition, leaving children unsupervised in a parked vehicle provides an opportunity for a child to release the brake or put the car in gear.