



Updates to Colorado’s Child Passenger Safety Laws CPS Technician Fact Sheet

In June 2024, [Gov. Jared Polis signed HB24-1055, a new bill](#) that updates Colorado’s child passenger safety law. These updates reflect the latest research-based recommendations on car seat, booster seat and seat belt use for children.

Colorado’s child passenger safety laws, effective Jan. 1, 2025:

- Child passenger safety laws are a primary violation in Colorado.
- The “proper use” clause for all stages requires the child restraint or seat belt to be adjusted and installed according to car seat and vehicle manufacturer’s instructions.
- Children must meet the height, weight and age requirements for the child restraint being used.
- Child restraints must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Current Law	New Law (effective 1/1/25)
Rear-Facing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 1 year of age ● Under 20 pounds ● Must be in back seat 	Rear-Facing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 2 years of age, and less than 40 pounds ● Must be in back seat if one is available ● Can continue to rear-face beyond 2 years of age and 40 pounds if child restraint allows it
Forward-Facing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least 1 year of age ● Over 20 pounds 	Forward-Facing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 2 years of age, and over 40 pounds ● 2-4 years of age, and at least 20 pounds ● Must be in back seat if one is available ● Can continue to forward-face beyond 4 years of age and 40 pounds if child restraint allows it
Booster Seat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least 4 years of age ● Over 40 pounds 	Booster Seat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4-9 years of age, and at least 40 pounds ● Must be in back seat if one is available ● Can continue to use a booster seat beyond 9 years of age
Seat Belt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 16 years of age ● Must fit in seat belt properly 	Seat Belt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under 18 years of age ● Must fit in seat belt properly

CPS technicians are trained in child passenger safety best practices that go beyond the legal requirements in Colorado. Beyond communicating the facts of the new laws, these changes are unlikely to affect technicians’ messaging when working with parents and caregivers.

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