

Colorado Child Passenger Safety Law: Primary Offenses

A Guide for Law Enforcement

	Under 1 yr	1-3 yrs	4-7 yrs	8-15 yrs
Less than 20 lbs	Rear-facing safety seat in back seat only	Rear-facing safety seat		
20-40 lbs	Rear-facing safety seat	Rear or front-facing safety seat	Front-facing safety seat or booster	
Exceeds seat weight limit		Front-facing safety seat or booster	Front-facing safety seat or booster	Booster or seat belt
Exceeds seat weight limit			Seat belt	Seat belt
	Rear-facing	Front-facing	Booster	Seat belt
Statute:	42-4-236 (2) (a) (II)	42-4-236 (2) (a) (III)	42-4-236* (2) (a) (I)	42-4-236 (2) (b)

Proper use of seat belt and booster means the shoulder belt crosses the shoulder and chest and the lap belt crosses the hips, touching the thighs.

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Infant

Rear-facing in child safety seat in the back seat until 1st birthday and 20 pounds

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Booster

Once child outgrows car seat with harness, use booster seat with vehicle lap and shoulder belt until 8th birthday.

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Toddler

Rear or forward-facing in child safety seat from 1st birthday and 20 pounds until the upper weight or height limit of the car seat.

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Seat Belt

Booster or vehicle seat belt from 8th birthday until 16th birthday in all seating positions

Children may remain in car seats and booster seats beyond stated age as long as they fall within the seat manufacturer's installation and weight requirements for safety.

Refer parents to: www.carseatscolorado.com



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