CAR SEAT, BOOSTER SEAT AND SEAT BELT LAWS AND GUIDELINES

Click It or Ticket

Drivers can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child in the vehicle. The fine is a minimum of \$82 per violation.

♦ Back Seat is Best

All children under age 13 should ride in the back seat and must be properly restrained at all times.

Seat

Age



Rear-Facing Car Seats

Newborn to age 3

(keep rear-facing as long as possible)



Forward-Facing Car Seats

Age 2 to 5



High Back or Backless Booster Seats

Age 4 to 12

(or until seatbelt fits properly)



Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts

Older than age 8

(for some kids, not until age 12)

When seat belt fits properly.

Use seat to maximum manufacturer-recommended weight or height, and follow instructions from your vehicle's owner's manual.

Above guidelines based on NHTSA recommendations.

Important reminders:

- 1. Make sure your car seat isn't expired. Over time, sun and cold weaken seat materials.
- 2. Check online to see if your car seat has been recalled.
- 3. Car seats that have been in a crash, even if they look fine, are no longer safe.

Learn more at CarSeatsColorado.com.



