COLORADO LAW — FOUR STAGES FOR KIDS

Car Seats COLORADO

1

Rear-Facing

Rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat until first birthday and 20 pounds.

2

Forward-Facing

Rear- or forward-facing child safety seat from first birthday and 20 pounds until the upper weight or height limit specified by the car seat manufacturer.

3

Booster

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

4

Seat Belt

Booster or vehicle seat belt from eighth birthday until sixteenth birthday.

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

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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW: Primary Offenses

	Less than 1 year	1 through 3 years	4 through 7 years	8 through 15 years
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 forward-facing safety seat	Forward-facing safety seat or booster	
Exceeds seat weight limit and 40+ lbs		Forward-facing safety seat or booster	Forward-facing safety seat or booster	Booster or seat belt

All safety seats should be installed and fitted according to the manufacturers' instructions and the vehicle owner's manual.

	Rear-facing	Forward-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 a booster seat and seat belt means the shoulder belt crosses the shoulder and chest (not the neck or face), and the lap belt lies flat across the upper thighs (not the stomach).

Parents and caregivers are responsible for properly restraining a child and will be ticketed if they fail to do so.