

OKLAHOMA'S CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW

Know the Ages & Stages

BIRTH - 2 YEARS



REAR-FACING

INFANT | CONVERTIBLE | 3-IN-1

All children under age 2 must be properly secured in a rear-facing car seat.

- Rear-facing is the safest way for small children to travel.
- They should remain rear-facing until they reach 2 years of age or until they exceed the height or weight limit of the car seat.

2 - 4 YEARS



FORWARD-FACING

CONVERTIBLE | 3-IN-1 | COMBINATION

All children under age 4 must be properly secured in a car seat with an internal harness.

- A 5-point harness is the safest restraint system and should be used as long as possible (until the child exceeds the harness' weight limit).

4 - 8 YEARS



BOOSTER

3-IN-1 | COMBINATION | BOOSTER

All children at least 4 years old (but younger than age 8) must ride in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat, unless they are taller than 4'9".

- A booster seat should be used until the child can properly fit into a seat belt.

8 YEARS +



SEAT BELT

BACK SEAT FOR SAFEST TRAVEL

All children taller than 4'9" (or age 8 and up) should be restrained in a seat belt.

- Front seat airbags may hurt small children.
- Riding in the back seat of the vehicle is the safest way for children to travel.



FITS YOUR VEHICLE

Not every car seat can be installed correctly in every car. Try before you buy.

KNOW THE LIMITS

ALWAYS follow the weight and height limits of the car seat.

AGE IS IMPORTANT

The younger children are, the more fragile they are, and the more protection they need.

EASY FOR YOU TO USE

Try out the features of the car seat. Choose a car seat that will be easy for you to use correctly every time.

1 OUT OF 2 KIDS

ARE NOT AS SECURE AS THEY SHOULD BE

because their car seats are not being used correctly.

Properly installed car seats & booster seats reduce the chance of death

in a motor vehicle crash by 71% for infants under 1 year **71%**

54% & 54% for toddlers ages 1 - 4.



KNOW THE LAW. PROTECT YOUR PRECIOUS CARGO.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
OKLAHOMA'S CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW:

Have your child's car seat or booster seat checked by one of the many certified child passenger safety (CPS) technicians available throughout the state.

To find a CPS technician
Visit cert.safekids.org
and select "Find a Tech."

Oklahoma State Department of Health
Injury Prevention Service
405-426-8440 | oklahoma.gov/health/cps

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