



# Basic Guide

## 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				
	<b>Rear-Facing Car Seats</b>	<b>Forward-Facing Car Seats</b>	<b>High Back or Backless Booster Seats</b>	<b>Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts</b>
	<b>Newborn to age 3</b> (keep rear-facing as long as possible)	<b>Age 2 to 5</b>	<b>Age 4 to 12</b> (or until seatbelt fits properly)	<b>Older than age 9</b> (for some kids, not until age 12)
Weight/ Height	Use seat to maximum manufacturer-recommended weight or height, and follow instructions from your vehicle's owner's manual.			When seat belt fits properly.

Above guidelines based on NHTSA recommendations. Learn more at [CarSeatsColorado.com](http://CarSeatsColorado.com).

### ◆ 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.

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