

Is your child buckled safely?



Rear-Facing Car Seat

An infant under 2 must be secured in a rear-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the height or weight limit allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat.



Forward-Facing Car Seat

A child at least age 2 **or** under 2 who has outgrown the manufacturer's height or weight limits for a rear-facing car seat must be secured in a forward-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the highest height or weight limits of the forward-facing car seat.



Booster Seat

Children at least age 4 who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat must be secured by a booster seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child can meet the height and fit requirements for an adult safety seat belt. Lap **and** shoulder belts must be used.



Seat Belt

A child at least age 8 **or** at least 57 inches tall may be restrained by an adult safety belt ***if the child can be secured properly by an adult safety seat belt.***



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South Carolina Child Passenger Safety Seat Law

South Carolina law “Section 56-5-6410.” Every driver of a motor vehicle (passenger car, pickup truck, van, or recreational vehicle) operated on the highways and streets of this State when transporting a child under eight years of age upon the public streets and highways of the State must properly secure the child in the vehicle as follows:

- An infant or child under two years of age must be properly secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system in a rear passenger seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the height or weight limit allowed by the manufacturer of the seat.
- A child at least two years of age or a child under two years of age who has outgrown his rear-facing child safety seat must be secured in a forward-facing child safety seat with a harness in a rear passenger seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the highest height or weight requirements of the seat.
- A child at least four years of age who has outgrown his forward-facing child safety seat must be secured by a belt-positioning booster seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until he can meet the height and fit requirements for an adult safety seat belt (see next item). The belt-positioning booster seat must be used with both lap and shoulder belts. A booster seat must not be used with a lap belt alone.
- A child at least eight years of age or at least fifty-seven inches tall may be restrained by an adult safety seat belt if the child can be secured properly by an adult safety seat belt. A child is properly secured by an adult safety seat belt if:
 - (a) the lap belt fits across the child’s thighs and hips and not across the abdomen;
 - (b) the shoulder belt crosses the center of the child’s chest and not the neck; and
 - (c) the child is able to sit with his back straight against the vehicle seat back cushion with his knees bent over the vehicle’s seat edge without slouching.
- If a motor vehicle lacks a rear passenger seat or if all of its rear seating positions are occupied by children under eight years of age, a child under eight years of age may be transported in the front seat of the motor vehicle if the child is secured properly in an appropriate child safety seat or belt-positioning booster seat.

To view the full text of the law, visit www.scdps.sc.gov/buckleupsc/safety_seat_law