

Indiana Child Passenger Law effective July 1, 2005



Types of Vehicle Safety Restraint Systems for Children

CHILD SAFETY SEAT GUIDELINES

Rear Facing Only Infant Seat:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From birth to one year of age and at least 20 pounds
Rear/Forward Facing Convertible Seat:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear facing until one year of age and 20 pounds• Forward facing until one year of age or older and 20-40 pounds
Forward Facing Only Seat:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From over one year of age and 20-40 pounds
Belt-Positioning Booster Seat:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From 4-8 years of age and 40-80 pounds and up to 4'9" tall• Never use with lap only belts
Vehicle Lap/Shoulder Safety Belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From 4'9" in height and 80 pounds

It is strongly recommended that all children 12 and under ride in the back seat. If the child must ride in the front turn off air bag or move front seat as far back as possible from air bag.

For more information please call
Automotive Safety Program at 1-800-KID-N-CAR.

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Indiana state law requires that as of July 1, 2005 all children ride properly fastened by a child restraint, which can include a belt-positioning booster seat, until their 8th birthday.

- If at court proceedings a driver who has received a violation for a child less than 4 years of age under this code possesses or has acquired a child restraint system, the driver is not liable for any costs or monetary judgment if the person has no previous judgments of violation of this chapter against the person.
- Fees collected from violations will be entered into a fund to purchase child restraints for low income families throughout Indiana.
- **Exemptions:**
 - If all lap/shoulder seat belts are being used by other children, then a child over 40 pounds may be restrained by a lap only safety belt without a child restraint in a rear seat. (Booster seats cannot be safely used with a lap only safety belt.)
 - Additional exemptions include vehicles manufactured without safety belts, a school bus, taxi, public passenger bus, motorcycle, ambulance or other emergency vehicle.
- Children at least 8 years old until their 16th birthday are required to ride properly restrained in a child restraint system or seat belt in all seating positions in all vehicles.



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Each front seat occupant of a passenger motor vehicle that is equipped with safety belts shall have a safety belt properly fastened about the person's body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion.

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