

# KNOW THE LAW. PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN.

**4 OUT OF 5 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  
**54%** & 54% for toddlers ages 1 - 4.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

To find a CPS technician  
[www.safercar.gov/parents](http://www.safercar.gov/parents)  
select "Car Seats," and then  
"Get Your Seat Inspected."

Oklahoma State Department of Health  
Injury Prevention Service  
(405) 271-3430 or 1-800-522-0204  
[cps.health.ok.gov](http://cps.health.ok.gov)

Oklahoma's Child Passenger Safety Law,  
effective November 1, 2015, meets  
the recommendations of the  
American Academy of Pediatrics.



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## Child Passenger SAFETY GUIDE

KNOW THE LAW



Oklahoma's Child Passenger Safety Law

# 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.