**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.

**Important Tips:**
- 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.

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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% for toddlers ages 1 - 4.

KNOW THE LAW. PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN.

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 technicians available throughout the state.

To find a CPS technician, visit www.safecar.gov/parents and 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
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