

Georgia Child Passenger Safety Law (40-8-76)

Under 1 yr

1-3 yrs

4-7 yrs

8-18 yrs

Less than 20 lbs	Rear-facing car seat	Rear-facing car seat		
21-40 lbs	Rear-facing car seat	Rear or Forward-facing car seat		
Over 40 lbs Under 4' 9"		Forward-facing or Booster seat plus lap and shoulder belt		Booster seat plus lap and shoulder belt or seat belt
Over 4' 9"				Seat belt

See description of restraint type on other side.

Car Seat Recommendations

- Choose a car seat based on your child's size (height & weight).
- Read your car seat instructions for use and installation information.
- Read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt **or** LATCH system.
- Keep your child in the car seat as long as the child fits within the height **or** weight limits.
- Keep your child in the back seat until age 13.

For questions or more information email injury@dhr.state.ga.us or call (404) 679-0500.



A REAR-FACING CAR SEAT is the best seat for your young child to use. It has a harness and in a crash, cradles and moves with your child to reduce the stress to the child's fragile neck and spinal cord.

A FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT has a harness and tether that limits your child's forward movement during a crash.

A BOOSTER SEAT positions the seat belt so that it fits properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.

A SEAT BELT should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.

DESCRIPTION OF RESTRAINT TYPES



Birth - 12 months

Child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat, in the back seat.



*Age 1 - 3 years

Rear-facing in back seat, as long as possible, within the height or weight limit allowed by car seat manufacturer. Then forward-facing car seat in back seat.

**American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends a rear-facing car seat until 2 years of age or until they reach the highest height or weight allowed by the car seat manufacturer.*



Age 4 - 7 years

Forward-facing car seat used within the height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer. Then a booster seat using lap and shoulder seat belt in the back seat.



Age 8 - 12 years

Booster seat until seat belt fits properly with lap belt snug across the upper thighs, not the stomach and shoulder belt snug across the chest, not across the neck or face. Keep children in the back seat until age 13.