

Child Passenger Safety Laws in Connecticut Effective October 1, 2005

LAW: Infants must remain rear-facing until they are a minimum of both 20 pounds and one year old.

Further recommended: Keep infants rear-facing until they meet the maximum height or weight requirements of the car seat when it is rear-facing and they are at least one year old and 20 pounds.

LAW: Toddlers must be in a car seat.

Further recommended: Children should remain in a car seat until they are 40 pounds. Additionally, don't use a car seat that has been in a crash or is more than six years old.

LAW: Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they reach a minimum of both 7 years old and 60 pounds. Children who ride in a booster seat must use a lap and shoulder belt.

Further recommended: Children should continue to ride in a booster seat until they are 4'9".

LAW: Children, tweens and teens must be in a seat belt wherever they ride in the vehicle.

Further recommended: Children should ride in the back seat until they are 13 years old. All people and objects should be properly restrained wherever they are in the vehicle.

For more information, please contact Safe Kids Connecticut at www.ctsafekids.org or 860-545-9988.

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