





# Wisconsin child passenger safety

Type of seat	Wisconsin law	Safest practice
<b>Rear-facing Car Seat</b> 	Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are 1 year old <b>and</b> weigh 20 pounds.	Children should ride in a rear-facing car seat until at least the age of 2. Keep children rear facing as long as they are within the age, height and weight requirements for the car seat.
<b>Forward-facing Car Seat</b> 	Children must ride in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until they are 4 years old <b>and</b> weigh 40 pounds.	Children should ride in a forward-facing car seat with a harness as long as they are within the age, height and weight requirements for the car seat.
<b>Booster Seat</b> 	Children must ride in a booster seat until they are 8 years old <b>or</b> weigh 80 pounds <b>or</b> are 4 feet 9 inches tall (4'9").	Children should ride in a booster seat until they are tall enough to sit on the vehicle seat without slouching, <b>and</b> the seat belt fits snugly across the top of the thighs and across the shoulder.
<b>Seat Belt</b> 	Children must be restrained in a seat belt when they outgrow the requirements of a booster seat.	Children should ride using a lap and shoulder belt once they have outgrown their booster seat.
<b>Back Seat</b>	Children required to ride in a rear-facing or forward-facing car seat must be restrained in the back seat.	Children under 13 years of age should ride in the back seat using a lap and shoulder belt.



## Safety Tips:

- Choose a car seat based on your child's height, weight and age.
- Read all instructions to correctly install and use the car seat.
- Check the expiration date and know the history of your car seat before you use it.
- Use a car seat correctly on every ride.
- Children are more likely to buckle up if they see a parent or caregiver buckled up.
- Let others who drive your kids know that a car seat is a must.

For information on where to get your car seat inspected, visit **[safekidswi.org](http://safekidswi.org)**.

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