

TENNESSEE'S CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS



- Use a rear-facing child safety seat until at least 1 year of age and at least 20 pounds, in the back seat. For the best protection, use the rear-facing seat longer if it has a higher weight and height limit. Check the manufacturer's instructions as many are rated to 30 pounds or higher.
- Children ages 1 through 3 and too big for rear-facing seats, must ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with harness straps, in the back seat.
- Children ages 4 through 8 or less than 4'9" must ride in a belt positioning booster seat in the back seat. They must use both lap and shoulder belts.
- Children ages 9 through 12 or measuring 4'9" or more must buckle up in the back seat with both lap and shoulder belts.
- Children age 13 and older must buckle up with both lap and shoulder belts.
- This is a primary offense and police can stop the vehicle just because someone in the vehicle is not properly restrained. Tickets can be given with large fines.

The best seat for your child:

- The one that fits your child
- The one that fits your vehicle
- The one that you will use correctly every ride.

For more information, contact your local law enforcement agency.