

Florida's Child Car-Seat Laws

Did you know that any child under five years old must be seated in a federally approved, child car-seat? Failure to follow these laws could result in a \$60 fine and three points against the supervising adult's driver's license.

Florida law states:

- Children five years old or younger must be secured in a federally approved child restraint system.
- Children three years old and younger must use a separate car seat or the vehicle's built-in car seat.
- Children four to five years old and less than four feet, nine inches tall, must sit in either a separate car seat or a built-in child seat or a seat belt depending on height and weight.

Use the following car seat guidelines from the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department while driving with a child in your vehicle:

Birth to 12 months
and at least 20 pounds

- Use a rear-facing child car-seat in the back seat of the car.

Twelve months and
20 pounds to five years
old and 40 pounds

- Use a rear-facing child car-seat in the back seat until your child outgrows the weight and height limit of the child car seat.
- Normally when children are older than one year and weigh more than 20 pounds, you can switch to a forward-facing car seat in the back of the car.

Five years old and 40
pounds to six years old or
four feet, nine inches tall

- Use a forward-facing child seat in the back seat until they reach the weight and height limits recommended by the manufacturer.
- Switch to a booster seat in the back of the car.

Six years old or four feet, nine
inches tall to 12 years old

- Use a booster seat in the back seat until your child is big enough to use the car's seat belt.
- At 13 years old, your child can sit in the front seat of your car.

Please contact your local police or fire department for additional information on vehicle safety for your child.

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