

South Carolina Child Passenger Safety Law



Rear-Facing Car Seat

An infant under 2 must be secured in a rear-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the height or weight limit allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat.



Forward-Facing Car Seat

A child at least age 2 **or** under 2 who has outgrown the manufacturer's height or weight limits for a rear-facing car seat must be secured in a forward-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the highest height or weight requirements of the forward-facing car seat.



Booster Seat

Children at least age 4 who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat must be secured by a booster seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child can meet the height and fit requirements for an adult safety seat belt. Lap **and** shoulder belts must be used.



Seat Belt

A child at least age 8 **or** at least 57 inches tall may be restrained by an adult safety belt ***if the child can be secured properly by an adult safety seat belt.***



To view the complete text of the law, visit the Child Passenger Safety webpage at:
https://scdps.sc.gov/buckleupsc/safety_seat_law