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](https://scdps.sc.gov/buckleupsc/safety_seat_law)*