Colorado's Child Passenger Safety Law

Changes effective August 1, 2010

MANDATORY RESTRAINT		AGE	REQUIREMENTS	SAFETY ADVOCATES* RECOMMEND
REAR-FACING CAR SEAT		NEWBORN UNTIL 1ST BIRTHDAY	CHILD WEIGHS LESS THAN 20 POUNDS AND IS SECURED IN BACK SEAT ONLY	Restrain your infant in a rear-facing seat as long as possible for the best protection in a crash. "Convertible"-type car seats allow children to ride rear-facing until 30-45 pounds.
REAR OR FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT		1, 2, AND 3 YEARS OLD	CORRECT USE OF CAR SEATS. FOLLOW UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.	Restrain your child in a "5-point" harness system until they are at least 40 pounds or to upper weight limit of seat. Keep child rear-facing as long as car seat allows. Use upper-tether straps where applicable (refer to your car seat and vehicle's owner's manual for more information.)
FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT		4, 5, 6 AND 7 YEARS OLD	CORRECT USE OF CAR SEAT OR BOOSTER SEAT. FOLLOW UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.	Regardless of age, restrain your child in a car seat or booster seat until they are about 57" (4'9"). A child's height is the best predictor of proper seat belt fit.
BOOSTER SEAT OR LAP AND SHOULDER SEAT BELT		8 UNTIL 16th BIRTHDAY	CORRECT USE OF BOOSTER SEAT OR SEAT BELT. FOLLOW UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT OF BOOSTER SEAT ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.	The child should be able to sit back against the seat back with knees bent naturally at the edge of the seat, the shoulder belt comfortably crossing the shoulder between the neck and arm, and the lap belt low on the hips, touching the thighs. Children under 13 should sit in back seat only.

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*Safety advocates include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Safe Kids USA

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