

child safety

Proper installation of an infant safety seat



The car seat for small infants faces the rear of the car and is secured by the vehicle's seat belt, which is in the locked position. The car seat should move no more than 1 inch from side to side and front to back.

This seat is appropriate for an infant weighing less than 20 lbs. It is installed in the back seat.

The harness clip should be at the level of the child's armpit.

No more than a finger's width of space between the harness and the child.

Precious cargo on board

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Accidents – the leading cause of injuries and death in children.

71

Percentage by which you can reduce injuries and death in children by using child safety seats.

5

Number of stations in Larimer County where Colorado Child Passenger Safety technicians help parents learn to properly install safety seats. For a list of county resources, call 495-7502.

Choosing a safety restraint for your child

Colorado law requires drivers to buckle up child passengers. The best-fitting restraint will depend on a child's age, weight, height, and the limits of each respective safety seat. The law requires:

Age, weight and height	Type of restraint
Birth to at least age 1 and less than 20 lbs.	Rear-facing child safety seat
Ages 1-3, and 20-40 lbs.	Forward-facing child safety seat
Ages 4-5, more than 40 lbs. and up to 55 inches tall	Booster seat
Ages 6 and older, or kids who are 55 inches or taller	Lap and shoulder seat belts

For more information, contact Safe Kids Larimer County at 495-7504 or www.safekidslcc.org. Or Colorado Child Passenger Safety Program at (877) 588-8687 or www.carseatscolorado.com

Visit HealthInfoSource.com/topics and click "Car Seats."

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Ages at which children should ride in the rear seat of a car.

\$10

Minimum donation families in financial need can make to obtain a new car seat, after attending a safety seat education program in English or Spanish at The Family Center. Call 495-7508 to register.

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Percentage of child safety seats found improperly installed in Colorado.

— Kathy Hayes