The following information is provided in an effort to help you determine the proper child restraint device for you child. Please take the time to review this information to decide if you have the proper restraint device in your vehicle for each of your children.

There is no cargo more precious than your family. Failing to have your kids properly restrained in a motor vehicle is not only a violation of the law, it is the greatest risk to the health and safety of your child that they face.



## Your children depend on you to protect them. Make sure they are properly restrained in your vehicle!

State and local law *requires* that all children at least six (6) years of age but younger than thirteen (13) years of age shall be protected by use of a child passenger restraint system or a seat belt while seated anywhere in a motor vehicle. All children **under six** years of age are required to be restrained in an approved child restraint device. Children age 12 and under should <u>always</u> ride in the back seat of a motor vehicle, especially in vehicles equipped with airbags.

Need help with the installation of your car seat? Can't afford to purchase a child seat? Contact Tulsa Area Safe Kids Coalition for assistance at 494-SAFE.

Proper Child Safety Seat Use Chart Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in the Back Seat!			
	INFANTS	TODDLER	YOUNG CHILDREN
WEIGHT	Birth to 1 year Up to 20 lbs.	1 - 4 years old and Over 40 lbs.	40 to 80 lbs, 4- 8 years of age
TYPE of SEAT	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible / Forward facing	Belt Positioning booster seat Seat belt if 70-80 lbs and 4'9" tall
SEAT POSITION	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
ALWAYS MAKE SURE:	Children to one year and at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats  Harness straps at or below shoulder level. Retainer/chest clip at armpit level.	Harness straps should be at or above the shoulders.  Most seats require top slot for forward-facing. Retainer/chest clip at armpit level.	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt.  Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries
WARNING	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat	All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat

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