

Important Changes to Vermont's Car Seat Law

Effective July 1, 2024

Vermont's Car Seat Law ([23 VSA § 1258](#)) has been improved to more closely align with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations. Each stage offers less protection than the previous stage. Keep your child at each stage as long as possible.

Here's What You Need To Know:

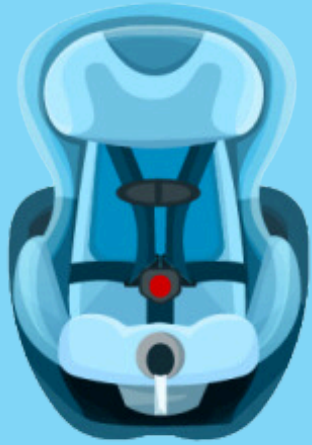
Birth to 2



Children under age two must be properly secured in a federally approved rear-facing child car seat with a harness.

A child in a rear-facing car seat must not ride in front of an active airbag.

2 to 5



Children over age two, but under age five, must be properly secured in a federally approved rear-facing or forward-facing car seat with a harness.

5 to 8



Children under age eight who are not properly secured in a harnessed car seat must be properly secured in a booster seat.

8+



Children under age 18 who are not properly secured in a harnessed car seat or booster seat must be wearing a seat belt.

Children under age 13 must, if practical, ride in the back seat.

Important Reminders for Everyone:

- Have children sit in the back seat until they are 13.
- Always buckle up to stay safe and set a good example.
- Always check your vehicle and car seat manufacturers' instructions to be sure your child's seat is installed and used correctly.



For more information or to find your local car seat assistance station, visit www.BeSeatSmart.org

