

# Child Passenger Safety Laws in Connecticut Effective October 1, 2005

## PUBLIC ACT 05-58

**LAW:** Infants must remain rear-facing until they are both 20 pounds and at least one year old.

Further recommended: Keep infants rear-facing until they meet the maximum height or weight requirements of the car seat when it is rear-facing and they are at least one year old and 20 pounds.

**LAW:** Toddlers must be in a car seat.

Further recommended: Children should remain in a car seat until they are 40 pounds. Additionally, don't use a car seat that has been in a crash or is more than six years old.

**LAW:** Children must be in a booster seat (or car seat with harness straps weighted for children over 60 pounds) until the children are both over 6 years old and over 60 pounds. Children who ride in a booster seat must use a lap and shoulder belt.

Further recommended: Children should continue to ride in a booster seat until they are 4'9".

**LAW:** Children, tweens and teens must be in a seat belt wherever they ride in the vehicle.

Further recommended: Children should ride in the back seat until they are 13 years old. All people and objects should be properly restrained wherever they are in the vehicle.

For more information, please contact Safe Kids Connecticut at [www.ctsafekids.org](http://www.ctsafekids.org) or 860-545-9988.

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