

MICHIGAN CHILD RESTRAINT LAW SUMMARY 2025



Children must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are **at least 2 years old**,
OR
outgrow the rear-facing height or weight limit of their convertible or all-in-one car seat.
It is safest to keep children rear-facing as long as possible to protect their neck and spine in a crash.



Children must ride in a forward-facing car seat with an internal five point harness until they are **at least 5 years old**,
OR
outgrow the height or weight limit of their forward-facing car seat in harness mode.



Children must ride in a booster seat secured with a lap and shoulder seatbelt until they are **at least 8 years old**,
OR
until they are 4ft 9 inches tall (57 inches).



Children **younger than 13 years old** must be restrained in the vehicle's rear seats, unless all rear seats are occupied by other children, or the vehicle does not have rear seating.

Effective April 2, 2025

Visit safekids.org to find a car seat checkup location or inspection station near you.