

# Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Law

Age/Size	Restraint Use
Birth to at least 2 years old	Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat
At least 2 years old and has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight	Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness
4 years old and has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight	Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt
9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the 5 Step Test	Ride restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat
Younger than 13 years old	Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category.

Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

*5 Step Test: The seat belt fits correctly when the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat, the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat, the belt fits snugly across the child's thighs and lower hips and not the child's abdomen, and when the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the child's neck.*