

Quick-Reference Safety-Seat Chart

	INFANTS	TODDLER	YOUNG CHILDREN
WEIGHT	Birth to 1 year, up to 20 lbs.	Over 1 year and 21 - 39 lbs.	40-80 lbs., unless 4'9" or over
TYPE OF SEAT	Infant only or convertible	Convertible/Forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seat
SEAT POSITION	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
MAKE SURE	Harness straps at or below shoulder level. Retainer/chest clip at armpit level.	Harness straps at or above shoulder level. 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 belts. 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

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What you need to know



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Georgia's Child Passenger Safety Law



(Rear Facing Convertible Seat)

Under the law, children under age six are required to be in a child safety seat or booster seat appropriate for their height and weight and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. The law also requires children under six to ride in the rear seat.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE LAW.

The law requires children under six to ride in the rear seat, but exceptions exist if there is no rear seating, or all appropriate rear seating positions are already occupied by other children. In this case, children under six may ride in the front seat but must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat appropriate for their height and weight. Be aware of the potential for injury from airbag deployment if children under 12 are placed in the front seat!

VEHICLE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LAW.

Exempt vehicles under the law include multi-functional-school-activities-buses for five year old children; they are not required to be in booster

seats but must be properly restrained by safety belts. Licensed childcare facility vans that have met certain state safety inspection requirements and are used for the transportation of children over four are also exempt, until July 2007, provided five year old children are properly restrained by safety belts. (Taxicabs and public transit were already exempted under existing law.)

CHILD WEIGHT EXCEPTIONS TO THE LAW.

For booster seats to be used properly, a lap/shoulder belt is required. There is an exception in the law that allows a child who is over 40 pounds to use only a lap belt if there are no shoulder belts in the vehicle, or if positions that have lap/shoulder belts are being used to restrain other children. If there are only lap belts in the rear, the child may be placed in the front seat if it has a lap/shoulder belt.

NEVER PLACE A CHILD IN FRONT OF AN ACTIVE AIRBAG IN THE FRONT SEAT!



(Infant Only Child Safety Seat)



(Forward Facing Only Combination Seat)

CHILD HEIGHT & HEALTH EXCEPTIONS TO THE LAW.

Under the law, if a child's height is over 4'9", that child may be restrained by a safety belt alone in lieu of a booster seat. The law also provides a child under six may be exempt if the parent or guardian has a physician's written statement that a physical or medical condition prevents using a shoulder safety restraint. Be aware of the potential for injury from airbag deployment if children under 12 are placed in the front seat!

PENALTIES FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH THE LAW.

The law provides that any person transporting an unrestrained child may receive up to a \$50 fine and one point. If that offender has a second conviction, the fine may double up to \$100 and two points awarded. One citation may be written per unrestrained or improperly restrained child.