

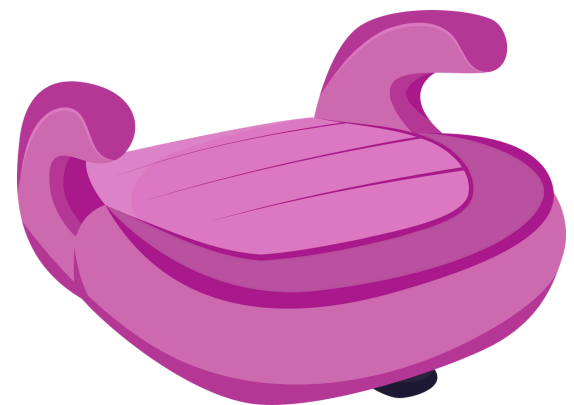


BUCKLE UP

One year ago, on August 1, 2024, the child passenger safety law in Minnesota changed. Whether you are a resident of that state or travel there for work, events, leisure or other reasons, the driver of the vehicle is responsible to assure that all kids in their car are buckled up and following the law. If you are carpooling with other families for school or activities, remember that all occupants must follow the law and the driver is responsible to assure that is happening.



A summary of the updated law can be found here, but if you have additional questions, please reach out to our team at Safe Kids Grand Forks. If your child is in need of a car seat and you cannot afford one, please give us a call and we will see how we might be able to assist. Because we want parents and caregivers to follow the new law, not just for legal reasons, but to keep the child safe as well.



Minnesota Child Passenger Safety Law

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/169.685>

Changes effective August 1, 2024

If a child can be placed in more than one category, then the child must be placed in the more protective category.

 REAR-FACING CAR SEAT	<p>An infant under 2 years old must be secured in a rear-facing convertible or infant carrier seat.</p>
 FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT	<p>A child at least 2 years old AND has outgrown the manufacturer's height or weight limits for a rear facing car seat must be secured in a forward facing car seat with internal harness.</p>
 BOOSTER SEAT	<p>Children at least 4 years old who have outgrown their forward facing car seat with internal harness must be secured by a belt-positioning booster seat using the lap and shoulder belt</p>
 SEAT BELT	<p>A child at least 9 years old or has outgrown their booster seat AND the child can pass the "5 Step Test" may be restrained by lap and shoulder belt if the child can be secured properly.</p>

A child under 13 years old, must sit in a back seat of a motor vehicle, if a rear seat is available, and be properly restrained.