



MI Car Seat Law Changes

Beginning April 2, 2025



Public Health



Michigan child passenger safety laws are changing. See below for how the law has changed. Remember, safest practice is to always make sure safety belts, car seats, and boosters are snug and not too big.

Before April 2025

After April 2025

Rear Facing



Children have to be in a rear-facing car seat until the child is either:

- At least **1** year old.
- Under 20 lbs.

Children have to be in a rear-facing car seat until the child is either:

- At least **2** years old.
- Over the weight or height limit set by the maker.

Forward Facing



Children **under 4** years old must ride in a back seat if possible. If all back seats are taken by children under 4, then they may ride in a car seat in the front seat. A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off.

Children have to be in a forward facing car seat, with an internal harness, until the child is either:

- At least **5** years old.
- Over the weight or height limit set by the maker.

Booster Seat



Children have to be in a belt-positioning booster seat, secured with a lap-to-shoulder safety belt, until the child is either:

- At least **8** years old.
- At least four feet nine inches tall.

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Back Seat & Buckled



Children, ages **8-15**, must buckle up in any seat in a vehicle.

Age 16 and up, people in front seats, both driver and passenger, must buckle up.

Children **under 13 years old**, must:

- Use a properly fitting safety belt.
- Be in the back seat, if there are back seats that are not all taken by other children.