

Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Law

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Age/Size	Restraint Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth to at least 1 year and less than 20 pounds 	Ride rear-facing in an infant or convertible seat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 year and at least 20 pounds to 40 pounds 	Ride forward facing in convertible or combination seat (used with the internal harness)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 40 pounds to 60 pounds or at least 4 years old to 6 years old 	Ride in a belt positioning booster seat (backless or high backed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 6 years old or at least 60 pounds 	Ride using the vehicle lap-shoulder belt or belt positioning booster seat

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Convertible seat: May be used rear facing (5-30 pounds) or forward facing to 40 pounds

Combination seat: May be used forward facing with internal harness to 40 pounds, then the harness is removed and it may be used as a belt-positioning booster with vehicle lap-shoulder belt to 80/100 pounds

A child who because of age or weight can be placed in more than one category shall be placed in the more protective category.

If there is an active passenger side airbag shall ride in the back seat, if a back seat is available.

Always read car seat instructions (for specific wt/ht limits) and vehicle instructions for installation guidance.

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