

Child Passenger Safety Law



Iowa has an UPDATED
child passenger safety law!

- Children must ride in an appropriate rear facing child safety seat until one year of age and at least 20 pounds.
- Children must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat through the age of 5 years. (Seats must be used in accordance with manufacturer's directions.)
- Children ages 6 through age 10 must ride in a booster seat or a seat belt.
- For more information visit www.blankchildrens.org/cps

Best Practice Guidelines Chart

(Per the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

Proper Child Safety Seat Use Chart
Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Younger in Back!

	INFANTS	TODDLER	YOUNG CHILDREN
WEIGHT	Birth to 1 year AND up to 20-22 lbs	Over 1 year AND 20-40 lbs	Over 40 lbs Ages 4-8, unless 4'9"
TYPE of SEAT	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible / Forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seat
SEAT POSITION	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
ALWAYS MAKE SURE:	Children up to one year and at least 20 lbs must be in rear-facing seats. Harness straps should be at or below shoulders. Do not place infants in the front passenger seat of cars with air bags.	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders. Most seats require straps in the top slot for forward-facing. Do not place children in the front passenger seat of cars with air bags.	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt. To avoid abdominal injuries, make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snugly crossing the chest and shoulder.
WARNING	All children age 12 and younger should ride in the back seat.	All children age 12 and younger should ride in the back seat.	All children age 12 and younger should ride in the back seat.



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Safe Kids Greater Des Moines, led by Blank Children's Hospital, is a grassroots organization dedicated to preventing unintentional injury in children ages 0-14.

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