

TENNESSEE'S NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

It's What's Best For Kids!



- Children younger than age 1 or weighing 20 pounds or less must ride facing the rear and in the back seat. If your rear-facing child safety seat has a weight limit, use it as long as your child's weight permits. Check the manufacturer's instructions.
- Children ages 1 through 3, and too big for rear-facing seats, must ride in forward-facing child safety seats in the back seat.
- Children ages 4 through 8, less than 4'9", must ride in belt-positioning booster seats in the back seat. They must use both lap and shoulder belts.
- Children ages 9 through 12, measuring 4'9" or more, must buckle up. They should also ride in the back seat.
- All children ages 13 through age 15 must buckle up.
- This is a primary offense. Police officers can stop cars just because someone is not properly restrained. They can give tickets with \$50 fines.

Do you need more information? Would you like to make an appointment to safely install child safety seats?

Call the Mid-South SAFE KIDS Coalition, headquartered at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, at 901-572-6730.



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