

TENNESSEE'S CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

It's What's Best For Kids!



- Use a rear-facing child safety seat until at least age 1 and at least 20 pounds, in the back seat. For optimal protection, use your rear-facing seat longer if it has higher weight and height limits. Check the manufacturer's instructions. Many are rated to 30 pounds or higher.
- Children, ages 1 through 3 and too big for rear-facing seats, must ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with harness straps, in the back seat.
- Children ages 4 through 8, or less than 4'9", must ride in a belt-positioning booster seat in the back seat. They must use both the lap and shoulder belts.
- Children ages 9 through 12, or measuring 4'9" or more, must buckle up in the back seat with both the lap and shoulder belts.
- Children age 13 and older must buckle up with both the lap and shoulder belts.
- This is a primary offense. Police officers can stop cars just because someone is not properly restrained. They can give tickets with \$ 50.00 fines.

What's The Best Child Safety Seat?

- The one that fits your child
- The one that fits your vehicle
- The one that you will use correctly every ride

Do you have questions? Would you like to make an appointment to learn how to properly install your child safety seat? Call Safe Kids Mid-South, led by Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, at (901) 287-6730 or visit www.lebonheur.org/safekids

