Pennsylvania's "Law of Love"

- All children from birth to age 4 must be secured in an approved car seat anywhere in the vehicle.
  Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of $75.00 plus court costs, EMS, MCARE and administrative fees.

- All children 4 years of age and older, but less than 8 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system and an appropriate child booster seat anywhere in the vehicle.
  Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of $75.00 plus court costs, EMS, MCARE and administrative fees.

- All children 8 years of age and older, but less than 18 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle.
  Violators of this primary law are subject to a fine of $10.00 plus EMS, MCARE and administrative fees.

All drivers are responsible for securing children in the appropriate restraint system.

For more information call:

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Rear Facing

Rear-Facing

For the best possible protection, secure children in a **rear-facing child safety seat until 2 years of age** or until the maximum weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat. Children younger than 1 year should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. **All children under age 13 should ride in a back seat. Never place a rear-facing car seat in the front seat with an active passenger side air bag.**

Rear Facing Checklist

- ✔ Harness straps at or below shoulder level.
- ✔ Harness straps fit snugly on the child with the harness retainer clip at armpit level.
- ✔ Child safety seat should be secured with the vehicle seat belt or LATCH system routed through the correct belt path.
- ✔ Seat belt/LATCH is tight and locked in place allowing no more than one inch of side-to-side movement.

Forward Facing

Forward-Facing

When children outgrow the rear-facing child safety seat, secure them in a **forward-facing child safety seat with a harness for as long as possible**, up to the highest weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat. **All children under age 13 should ride in a back seat.**

Forward-Facing Checklist

- ✔ Harness straps at or above shoulder level.
- ✔ Harness straps fit snugly on the child with the harness retainer clip at armpit level.
- ✔ Child safety seat should be secured with vehicle seat belt or LATCH system routed through the correct belt path.
- ✔ Seat belt/LATCH is tight and locked in place allowing no more than one inch of side-to-side movement.

Booster

Belt-Positioning Booster Seat

Once children outgrow their forward-facing child safety seat, secure them in a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle lap and shoulder belt fits properly, typically when the child is approximately **4 feet 9 inches in height and between 8 and 12 years of age**. All children under age 13 should ride in a back seat.

Belt-Positioning Booster Seat Checklist

- ✔ Always used with lap and shoulder belt.
- ✔ Shoulder belt should rest snugly across the center of the chest and shoulder.
- ✔ Lap belt should be low and snug across the hips/upper thighs.

Seat Belt

Seat Belt

When children outgrow their belt-positioning booster seat, secure them in a **properly fitted lap and shoulder belt**. A lap and shoulder belt fits properly when the lap belt lays low and snug across the hips/upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the center of the chest and shoulder. **All children under age 13 should ride in a back seat.**

Seat Belt Checklist

- ✔ Sit with back and hips against the vehicle seat back without slouching.
- ✔ Knees bend easily over the front edge of the vehicle seat with the feet flat on the floor.
- ✔ Shoulder belt should rest snugly across the center of the chest and shoulder.
- ✔ Lap belt should be low and snug across the hips/upper thighs.

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