

Child Passenger Safety

STAGE 1

REAR-FACING SEATS

Children should ride rear-facing until at least 3 years of age or to the limits of their seat, whichever keeps them rear-facing longer.



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STAGE 2

FRONT-FACING SEATS

Children may ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the seat.



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VT Seat Belt Laws:

23 V.S.A. § 1258 Child restraint systems; persons under age 18

23 V.S.A. § 1259 Safety belts; persons age 18 and over

23 V.S.A. § 1134b Smoking in motor vehicle with child present

STAGE 3

BOOSTER SEATS

Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until vehicle seat belts fit properly.



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STAGE 4

SEAT BELTS

When children outgrow their booster seats, they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly. Children age 8 and over may fit well in a lap and shoulder belt. Kids under age 13 need to ride in the back seat.



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