

Child Passenger Safety

New Regulations Coming January 2019



**Rear-Facing
Until Two**



**Front-Facing for
Toddlers and
Preschoolers**



**Booster Seats for
School-Aged
Children**

One of the most important jobs as care providers is to keep our children safe.

The state of Nebraska currently passed new laws in regards to child passenger safety. Children spend a lot of time in vehicles and it is important that anyone transporting them understands the regulations in order to provide safe transport. The following is an overview of these changes effective January 2019.

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AGE

Many state regulations are based on age. This is due to bone strength and body development

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HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Because children grow at different weights it is important to find car seats that fit your child

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SAFETY

All new car seats on the market are tested by the same parameters and held to the same regulations

New Regulations

Effective January 2019

- All children up to age eight must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved child safety seat.
- Children ride rear-facing until up to age two or until they reach the upper weight or height limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.
- Children under age eight must ride in the back seat, as long as there is a back seat equipped with a seatbelt and is not already occupied by other children under eight years of age.
- Children ages eight to eighteen must ride secured in a safety belt or child safety seat (booster seat).
- Childcare providers must transport all children securely in an appropriate federally-approved child safety seat or safety belt.
- Children up to age eighteen are prohibited from riding in cargo areas.
- Violation carries a \$25 fine plus court costs and 1 point is assessed against the operator's driving record.



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Did you know that at Nebraska checkup events, trained technicians find that over 90% of the car seats they check are not correctly installed? Don't panic!!! We are here to help! There is a lot of information out there about how to correctly secure your car seat. We want to help make it easier.

Visit <http://www.safekidsnebraska.org> for information on car seat check points, education, current regulations, and more.

