



A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL

September 21-27, 2025 is Child Passenger Safety Week.

*The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department
would like to remind you of the child safety seat
requirements and recommendations.*



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Child safety seats are critical for protecting children in vehicles, and the **Ohio Revised Code 4511.81** outlines specific requirements based on a child's age, weight, and height. The following is a breakdown of the key requirements and recommendations:

Rear-Facing Car Seats (with harness)

- Recommendation: Infants and small toddlers should remain in a rear-facing car seat as long as possible, until they reach the maximum height or weight limit of the seat according to the manufacturer's instructions. This offers the best protection for a child's head, neck, and spine in a crash.

Important: Never place a rear-facing car seat in the front seat where there are active airbags!

Forward-Facing Car Seats (with harness)

Law: Required for infants and toddlers under 4 years old and weighing less than 40 pounds.

- Children should transition to a forward-facing seat with a harness and top tether after outgrowing a rear-facing seat. This transition typically occurs around age 2.

Booster Seats

Law: Booster seats are required for children ages 4 to 8 who weigh at least 40 pounds and are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches.

- Booster seats help ensure proper fit of the vehicle's seat belt. Children should use a booster until the seat belt fits correctly, generally between ages 9 and 12.
- A child is ready for an adult seat belt when the lap belt is low on their thighs, the shoulder belt is across their chest, and they can sit against the seat back with bent knees and maintain this position.

Seat Belts

Law: Seat belts are required for all passengers. Children aged 8 to 15 who are not in booster seats must use adult seat belts.

- Proper seat belt fit involves the lap belt across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest and shoulder.
- It is recommended that children under 13 years ride in the rear seat with a lap and shoulder belt.

General Safety Tips

- Always follow manufacturer instructions for car seat installation.
- Ensure the car seat is installed securely.
- Harness straps should be snug, and the chest clip at armpit level.
- Remove bulky clothing and only use padding that came with the seat.
- Register your car seat for recall notifications.
- Please see Ohio Revised Code 4511.81 for the details of this law. <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4511.81>

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