



Car seat *safety* Checkup

The majority of children's car seats are **installed improperly**, which can lead to **death or injury** in a collision.

The Thornton Fire Department can help with a complete check-up of your child's car seat.

2017 Car seat safety checkups:

April 20

June 22

Sept 21

May 25

July 20

Oct. 19

August 17

A certified child passenger safety technician will check for over-all safety, correct installation and proper fit of your child in the seat.

Visit www.carseatscolorado.com for other car seat event dates and locations.

Thornton Fire Station #5

14051 Colorado Boulevard
Thornton, CO 80602

Hours: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Appointments encouraged!

Call 720-872-6092 today or visit
<https://cityofthornton.setmore.com/>

How's Your Car Seat Safety IQ?

- Rear-facing infant or convertible restraints should be used until a child is at least one year-old and weighs at least 20 - 30 pounds.
- Never put an infant in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag! Infants must ride in the back seat facing the rear of the vehicle. This offers the best protection for your infant's neck. It's safest to keep infants rear-facing until at least two years old.
- Forward-facing convertible or toddler restraints should be used for children over age one and 20-40 pounds.
- Belt-positioning boosters should be used from the time a child weighs 40 pounds/less than 57 inches.
- A shoulder belt should never be placed behind or under the arm of a child. Lap and shoulder belts should be used on children older than eight, and more than 57 inches tall, (4'9").
- Children under the age of 13 should ride in the back seat.


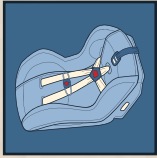

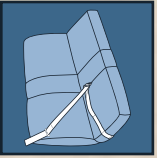
See other side for Colorado's Child Passenger Safety Law and safety advocates' recommendations.



Changes effective August 1, 2010

COLORADO'S CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW



Age	Mandatory Restraint	Requirements	Safety Advocates* Recommend
Newborn until 1 st birthday	 <p>Rear-Facing Car Seat</p>	Regardless of weight, children under 1 year old are required to be in a rear-facing seat and secured in the back seat of the vehicle.	Restrain your infant in a rear-facing seat as long as possible for the best protection in a crash. "Convertible" type car seats allow children to ride rear-facing until 30-45 pounds.
1, 2 and 3 years old	 <p>Rear or Forward-Facing Car Seat</p>	Child must be at least 20 pounds to sit in a forward-facing seat. The seat that is used must be used correctly and follow the weight/height limits according to the manufacturer's instructions.	Restrain your child in a "5-point" harness system until they are at least 40 pounds or to upper weight limit of seat. Keep child rear-facing as long as car seat allows (at least 2 years old). Use upper-tether straps where applicable (refer to your car seat and vehicle's owner's manual for more information).
4, 5, 6 and 7 years old	 <p>Forward-Facing Car Seat or Booster Seat</p>	Correct use of car seat or booster seat. Follow upper weight limit according to manufacturer's instructions.	Regardless of age, restrain your child in a car seat or booster seat until they are about 57" (4'9"). A child's height is the best predictor of proper seat belt fit.
8 until 16 th birthday	 <p>Booster Seat or Lap and Shoulder Seat Belt</p>	Correct use of booster seat or seat belt. Follow upper weight limit of booster seat according to manufacturer's instructions.	The child should be able to sit back against the seat back with knees bent naturally at the edge of the seat, the shoulder belt comfortably crossing the shoulder between the neck and arm, and the lap belt low on the hips, touching the thighs. Children under 13 should sit in the back seat only.



Colorado Revised Child Passenger Safety Statute 42-4-236

* Safety advocates include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Safe Kids USA



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