

Connecticut has a new car seat law*

Is your child in the correct seat?

Per the Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, the law should be interpreted as such that each Subsection builds from the previous Subsection. If your Child's Age or Child's Weight are not in the same Subsection, you may only choose a Car Seat Option that is listed in BOTH Subsections.

	Subsection A	Subsection B	Subsection C
Child's Age	Under 2 years	2 - 5 years	5 - 8 years
	OR	OR	OR
Child's Weight	Under 30 pounds	30 - 40 pounds	40 - 60 pounds
Car Seat Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rear Facing w/harness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rear Facing w/harness •Forward Facing w/harness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rear Facing w/harness •Forward Facing w/harness •Booster w/seat belt

Children who are at least 8 years old AND weigh at least 60 pounds can use the vehicle seat belt or an approved child restraint system.

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Q: My son is 13 months old and weighs 35 pounds. Can he ride forward facing since he is more than 30 pounds?

A: His weight falls within the limits of Subsection B (30 - 40 pounds), however since he is still under 2 years old, his age falls within Subsection A, therefore he must remain rear facing until he is 2 years old.

Q: My daughter is 4 years old and weighs 45 pounds. Can she use a booster seat with the seat belt?

A: Her weight falls within Subsection C (40 - 60 pounds), but her age is still within Subsection B (2 -5 years), therefore she still needs to ride in either a rear facing car seat or a forward facing car seat until she is at least 5 years old.

Q: My daughter is 9 years old and weighs 55 pounds. Does she still need to use a booster seat?

A: Yes, she still needs a booster seat. Even though she is over 8 years old, she is still under 60 pounds. She should continue to use her booster seat until she is at least 60 pounds.

Q: My son is 2.5 years old and weighs 24 pounds. Can I turn him forward facing or does he need to remain rear facing?

A: Even though his age falls within Subsection B (2 - 5 years), his weight falls within Subsection A (under 30 pounds). He must remain rear facing until he weighs 30 pounds.

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These are legal minimums ONLY! Always follow Best Practice.

Consult a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to learn what type of seat is safest for your child.

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