



TRAFFIC ALERT



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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research, 8,325 lives of children under age 5 have been saved by the proper use of child restraints during the past 30 years. In 2006, among children under 5, an estimated 425 lives were saved by child restraint use. Research shows that child restraints provide the best protection for all children up to age 8; after age 8 seat belts provide the best protection.

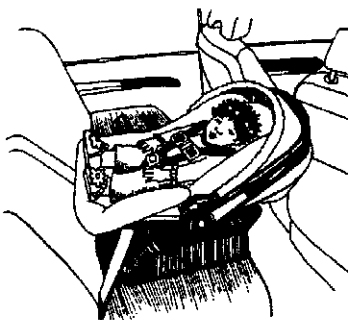
Illinois Occupant Protection Laws

Transporting a child under 8 years old: child restraint defined 625 ILCS 25/4:

When any person is transporting a child in this State under the age of 8 years, such person shall be responsible for providing for the protection of such child by properly securing him or her in a child restraint system. The parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 8 years shall provide a child restraint system to any person who transports his or her child. Every person when transporting a child 8 years of age or older but under the age of 16, as provided in Section 4 of this Act, shall be responsible for properly securing that child in seat belts.

Chicago Police Department Guidelines

In addition to State laws covering child passenger safety, Chicago Police Department Special Order 99-10 requires the use of the child restraint system when transporting children in Department vehicles.



Infant- rear facing
Until 20 lbs to 35 lbs
and up to 1 year old



Convertible- harness
Forward facing
20 lbs to 80 lbs
age 1 and over



Booster Seat
Lap/ Shoulder belt
40 lbs to 100 lbs
ages 4 to 8 years old



Correct seat belt fit
snug on upper thigh
belt on center of shoulder