

Hawai'i Child Passenger Restraint Law & Penalty



Children **under 2 years old** must be properly restrained in an approved **rear-facing** child passenger restraint system.



Children **2 to 4 years old** must be properly restrained in an approved **rear-facing or forward-facing** child passenger restraint system.



Children **4 to 10 years old** must be properly restrained in an approved **car seat or booster**.



Children **7 to 10 years old who are taller than 4'9"** must be properly restrained by a **seat belt**.

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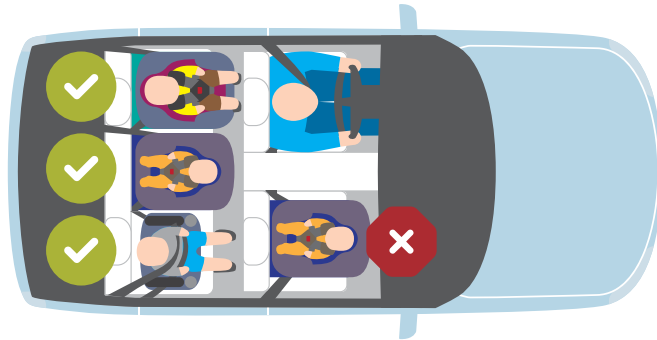
Child car seats required up to 10 years old

All occupants must be restrained in the vehicle. Violators face fines, must attend a driver's education class, and pay additional surcharges.

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §291-11.5.

Car Seat Safety Tips:

- ✔ Use a child car seat that:
 - ✔ Fits your child and vehicle
 - ✔ Easy to use every time
 - ✔ Never been in a crash or recalled
- ✔ Read your child's car seat and vehicle instructions.

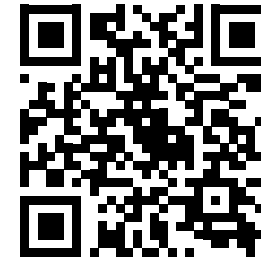


- ✔ Never install a rear-facing car seat in the front seat where there is an airbag.
- ✔ Keep children rear-facing until they reach the maximum weight or height of their car seat.

Where to get help



Scan the QR code to get more information and find out where to get help installing your child's car seat.



Birth to Boosters

A guide to Hawai'i's Child Car Seat Law



Rear-Facing



1. Install car seat using the seat belt or the lower anchors.
2. Place harness straps at or below child's shoulders.
3. Place the chest clip between the armpits and no twists in the straps.
4. Keep it snug! If you can pinch the strap, it's too loose.

Important Tips

- **Never** put a rear-facing car seat in the front seat where there is an airbag.
- Children under 2 years old **must** ride in a rear-facing car seat.

Forward-Facing with Harness



1. Install car seat using the seat belt or the lower anchors.
2. Attach the tether strap to the anchor in the vehicle.
3. Place harness straps at or above child's shoulders.
4. Place the chest clip between the armpits and no twists in the straps.
5. Keep it snug! If you can pinch the strap, it's too loose.

Important Tips

- Keep children rear-facing until they reach the maximum weight or height of their car seat.
- Children **must** be at least 2 years old to face forward.

Booster



1. Shoulder belt should be across the chest.
2. Make sure lap belt is low on the hips or thighs.

Important Tips

- Keep children in a car seat with harness straps until they reach the maximum weight or height limit of their car seat.
- **Never** put the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back.
- Use a high-back booster if there is no vehicle headrest where the child is sitting.

Car Seat Installation

Always read labels and follow instructions when installing a child's car seat.

Step 1: Find the best place for the seat. The back seat is the safest.

Step 2: Face the correct direction for child's age.

Step 3: Use the seat belt or LATCH.

Step 4: Connect and tighten the tether strap for forward-facing car seats.

Step 5: Make sure the car seat does not move more than 1 inch side-to-side or front-to-back.

