

The Law for Children Traveling in Motor Vehicles

- Requires children under six years old and weighing less than 60 pounds to use approved car restraint systems, children under one year old or weighing less than 20 pounds to use rear-facing car restraint system and children in booster seats to be secured by seat safety belts with shoulder belts.
- Remember, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, ALL children should be in some form of child passenger safety restraint until they are 8 years old and 80 pounds (according to their weight and size), as adult seatbelts do not adequately protect children of this size.
- ALL children in booster seats MUST BE RESTRAINED with a lap and shoulder seatbelt (NOT a lap only seatbelt)
- All children must be restrained in a rear-facing carseat until they are at least **one year AND 20 pounds**.
- Visit CAFAP's site to find a list of FREE carseat inspection clinics, including one held at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center <http://www.cafap.com>
- If you would like more information about child passenger safety, feel free to hit this link to the KISS-CT (Kids In Safety Seats- CT) website <http://www.connecticutprevention.com>