



# New Child Restraint Law Beginning January 1, 2015

## Attention Parents and Caregivers

*New law requires child restraints for children until age 6*

Beginning Jan. 1, 2015, every motor vehicle operator in Florida will be required to use a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device for children until age 6.

### Be sure to protect your child with the right seat

**Rear-Facing Seat** – Birth until age 2 or when child reaches the upper height or weight limit of seat (typically around 35 pounds).

**Forward-Facing Seat** – Your child should have a forward-facing seat with a harness until he or she reaches the manufacturer's upper height or weight limit of the seat (typically 40-65 pounds).

**Belt-Positioning Booster Seat** – Protect your child with this seat until he or she is at least 4'9" (typically 8-12 years of age). Proper positioning of your car's safety belt system is crucial in preventing or minimizing injury in case of a crash.

**Lap and Shoulder Belts** – Be sure the lap belt lies across the hips and the shoulder belt across the center of the shoulder and chest. Your child's legs should bend comfortably at the seat's edge, with his or her back resting flat against the back of the seat. Once the safety belt fits properly without a booster, your child no longer needs a special seat. All children under 13 should sit in the back seat.



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