

2019 Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Law

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category. Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

5 Step Test

The seat belt fits correctly when:

1. the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat
2. the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat
3. the lap belt fits snugly across the child's thighs or lower hips and not on the abdomen
4. the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the neck
5. the child sits properly, with no slouching or playing with the seat belt

Effective 8/1/2019

Age/Size

Birth to at least 2 years old



Restraint Use

Ride rear-facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat

At least 2 years old and has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight



Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness

4 years old and has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height or weight



Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap/shoulder seat belt

9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the **5 Step Test**



Ride restrained with a lap/shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat

Younger than 13 years old

Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available and properly restrained

