

**Washington's Child Passenger Safety Law
RCW 46.61.687 covers all passengers
under 16 years of age**

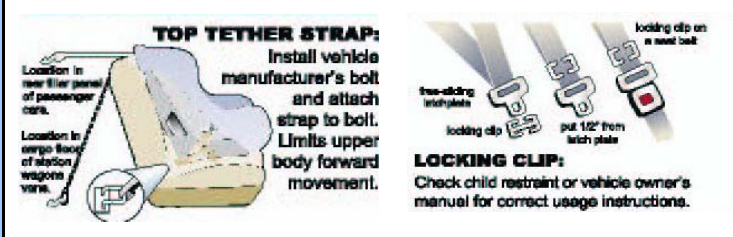
(a) A child must be restrained in a child restraint system, if the passenger seating position equipped with a safety belt system allows sufficient space for installation, until the child is 8 years old, unless the child is 4'9" or taller. The child restraint system must comply with standards of the U.S. Department of Transportation and must be secured in the vehicle in accordance with instruction of the vehicle manufacturer and child restraint manufacturer.

(b) A child who is 8 years of age or older, or 4'9" tall or taller, shall be properly restrained with the motor vehicle safety belt properly adjusted and fastened around the child's body or an appropriately fitting child restraint system.

(c) The driver of a vehicle transporting a child who is under 13 years old shall transport the child in the back seat positions in a vehicle where it is practical to do so.

Does not apply to: "for hire vehicles"; vehicles designed to transport 16 or less passengers, including the driver, operated by transportation companies as defined in RCW 81.68.010; vehicles providing shuttle service between parking, convention, and hotel facilities, and airport terminals; and school buses.

(7) Requirement to use a booster seat does not apply to: any seating position where there is only a lap belt available and the child weighs more than forty pounds







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A Reference for Proper Child Restraint Use

<p>Rear Facing Infant or Convertible Seat</p>		<p>From birth to <i>at least</i> one year of age and <i>at least</i> 20 pounds Never in front of an active air bag.</p>	<p>Harness at or below shoulders. Harness straps snug. Clip at armpit level. Seat reclined so infant's head doesn't fall forward.</p>	<p>Tightly installed with vehicle safety belt or Lower Anchors.</p>
<p>Forward Facing Seat</p>		<p>From age one and 20 pounds to about age 4 and 40 pounds.</p>	<p>Harness at or above shoulders. Harness snug. Clip at armpit level. Seat in upright position.</p>	<p>Tightly installed with vehicle safety belt or Lower Anchors and top Tether.</p>
<p>Belt Positioning Booster Seat</p>		<p>From about age 4 to at least age 8, unless 4'9" tall.</p>	<p>Shoulder belt crosses shoulder and chest. NEVER under arm or behind back. Lap belt should rest low, across the lap/upper thigh area--NOT across the stomach.</p>	<p>MUST be used with a lap and shoulder belt.</p>
<p>Safety Belt</p>		<p>At least 8 years of age or 4'9" tall or taller.</p>	<p>Shoulder belt crosses shoulder and chest. (NEVER under arm or behind back.) Lap belt should rest low, across the lap/upper thigh area--NOT across the stomach.</p>	<p>Child should continue booster use if not able to have knees at edge of seat when sitting against seat back and proper safety belt use.</p>