

ARKANSAS LAW:

Primary Law—CHILDREN

The Child Passenger Protection Act

27-34-104 - Every driver of a motor vehicle who transports a **child under fifteen (15) years of age**, shall while the vehicle is in motion and operated on a public road, street, or highway, properly place, maintain, and **secure the child in a child passenger restraint system properly secured to the vehicle** and meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

A child who is less than six (6) years of age and who weighs less than sixty pounds (60 lbs) shall be **restrained in a child passenger safety seat** properly secured to the vehicle.

If a child is at least six (6) years of age or at least sixty pounds (60 lbs) in weight, a safety belt properly secured to the vehicle shall be sufficient.

Protection from Secondhand Smoke for Children Act of 2006

20-27-1903 - Tobacco use — Prohibitions.

Smoking is prohibited in any motor vehicle in which a child who is less than fourteen (14) years of age is a passenger.

Primary Law—ADULTS

27-37-702 - Each **driver and front seat passenger** in any motor vehicle shall **wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt**. (Does not apply to automobiles manufactured before January 1, 1972) (Exceptions to this rule are a medical condition certified by a physician that contradicts the use of a seat belt, and U.S.P.S. drivers)

“Motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle, except a school bus, church bus, and other public conveyance, which is required by federal law or regulation to be equipped with a passenger restraint system.

For more information, please go to www.nhtsa.gov or www.carseatsar.org.

Support provided by the Arkansas Highway Safety Office to the
UAMS Child Passenger Safety Education Program



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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS RECOMMENDATIONS

What is the age and weight of your child?

Less than 1 year of age (regardless of weight)



DIRECTION

- ~ Rear-facing in back seat

HARNES

- ~ Use slots at or below shoulders and snug
- ~ Harness clip at armpit level

INSTALLATION

- ~ Moves less than 1 inch when tugged at the belt path

NOTE: American Academy of Pediatrics best practice recommendations for rear-facing have changed. A child who is under the age of two (2) years should face the rear of the vehicle.

Over 1 year of age, over 20 lbs



DIRECTION

- ~ Forward-facing or rear-facing to upper weight limit of seat in back seat

HARNES

- ~ Use slots at or above shoulders and snug for Forward-facing; at or below shoulders and snug for Rear-facing.
- ~ Harness clip at armpit level

INSTALLATION

- ~ Moves less than 1 inch when tugged at belt path

*Children are safer riding Rear-facing until they reach the upper limit of their Rear-facing convertible seat -- 30-40 pounds

Over 40 pounds, but less than 4'9" tall



DIRECTION

- ~ Forward-facing with lap and shoulder belt in back seat

HARNES

- ~ Lap belt of vehicle snug and low over thighs, not abdomen
- ~ Shoulder belt snug across collarbone, not neck or face

INSTALLATION

- ~ Must use lap and shoulder belt

Over 4'9" tall, 8 years or 80 pounds



LOCATION

- ~ Vehicle seat belt in back seat
- ~ All children under age 13 should be in the back seat

HARNES

- ~ Lap belt of vehicle snug and low over thighs, not abdomen
- ~ Shoulder belt snug across collarbone, not neck or face

INSTALLATION

- ~ Must use lap and shoulder belt