

REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

Keeping your baby safe.

Babies must
face backwards
until they're
1 year old
and 20 lbs.



IT'S THE LAW

Michigan law requires:

Children younger than age 4 to ride in a car seat in the back seat if the vehicle has a back seat. If all back seats are occupied by children under 4, then a child under 4 may ride in a car seat in the front seat. A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off.

Children younger than age 8 or shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to be properly buckled in a child safety seat or booster seat.

How do I know if my baby is properly buckled in a rear-facing car seat?

- A rear-facing car seat must be buckled into the vehicle seat tightly. The seat should not move more than one inch from side to side or front to back.
- The seat should recline so the child's head lies back on the car seat without falling forward.
- Harness straps should be snug with no slack.
- The harness clip should be at armpit level.

Always read the instructions that come with the car seat.

To learn more or to locate a certified child safety seat technician, visit www.nhtsa.gov

