

ILLINOIS CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK 2026

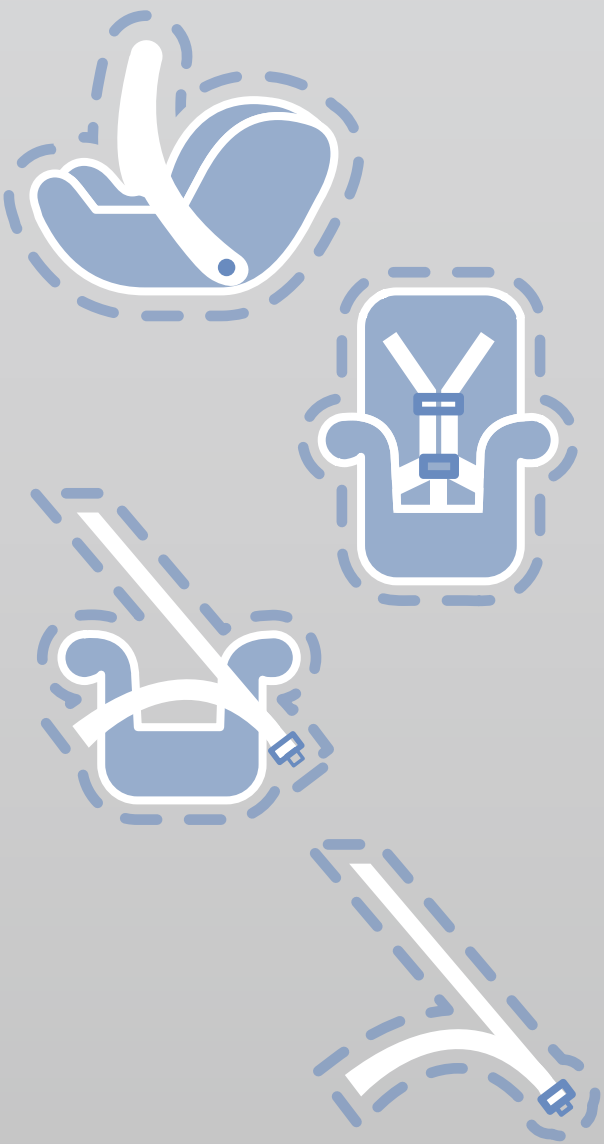


Step one: Infants face the back until they reach their car seat's height or weight limit. By law in Illinois, as of Jan. 1, 2019, children must ride rear-facing until at least age 2.

Step two: Toddlers (age 2+) face the front in seats with a harness and top tether until they reach their car seat's height or weight limit.

Step three: Bigger kids use booster seats until close to 4'9". By law in Illinois, kids must ride in a booster seat until at least age 8. Remember, children under age 13 should ride in the back seat.

Step four: Everyone buckles up in every seating position, for life!



National Child Passenger Safety Week 2026 is Sept. 20-26. On average, two children under age 13 are killed each day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups or vans. Make sure your child is riding in **#TheRightSeat** every time.



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