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RCW 46.61.687



Children up to age 2 must ride in a rear-facing car seat.



Children ages 2 – 4 years must ride in a car seat with a harness (rear or forward-facing).



Children 4 years and older must ride in a car or booster seat until they are 4'9" tall.



Children up to age 13 must ride in the back seat when practical.

## Is Your Child Riding Safely In the Car?

### Recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children remain in each stage of protection for as long as possible. Each transition reduces the protection of the child.

### Manufacturer Instructions

A child restraint system must be used according to instructions of the vehicle and child restraint manufacturer.

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