

In 2021, 41% of children under the age of 14 killed in Louisiana vehicle crashes were not properly restrained.

Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Law <i>La. R.S. 32:295</i>	
Age/Size	Restraint Use
Birth to at least 2 years old	Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat
At least 2 years old & has outgrown the rear facing seat by height or weight	Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with an internal harness
4 years old & has outgrown the forward-facing seat with internal harness by height & weight	Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat using a lap shoulder seat belt
9 years old or has outgrown the booster seat and can pass the 5 Step Test	Ride restrained with a lap shoulder seat belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat
Younger than 13 years old	Ride in the rear seat of a vehicle, when available, and properly restrained

A child who can be placed in more than one category shall use the more protective category.

Child safety seats must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Louisiana law requires all passengers to be restrained.

Passengers are considered those in any passenger car, van, or truck having a gross weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less. *La. R.S. 32:295.1(A)(1)*

Fines for Violations	
1st violation	\$100-\$300 fine
2nd violation	\$250-\$500 fine
3rd violation	\$500 plus all costs of court

La. R.S. 32:295(1)(2)

Upon first conviction of *La R.S. 32:295*, the license can be suspended.

Please send the people who received the violation to one of the State Police car seat fitting stations where they can complete the necessary paperwork for the court and ensure the child is traveling safely.

Free fitting station locations:

