

Car Seats

Arizona state law requires that children in vehicles must be properly restrained. ARS 28-907 states that a driver shall not operate a motor vehicle in Arizona when transporting a child who is under five years of age unless that child is properly secured in a child passenger restraint system.

If you are stopped by a police officer and it is determined that there is a child under five years of age not properly restrained, you will be issued a citation resulting in a \$50 fine. The fine could be higher depending on the city in which you are stopped.

There are several types of restraint systems, depending on the age and weight of the child.

INFANT SEATS Birth to one year –7 to 20 pounds

Infants should be in a reclined infant car seat or a convertible seat in the infant position to protect their delicate neck and head. All straps should fit snug. The car seat must face the rear of the car and should never be used in a front seat where there is an air bag. The infant must face the rear so that in the event of a crash or sudden stop, the infant's back and shoulders can absorb the impact.

TODDLER SEATS One year to 40 pounds

The toddler or convertible seat can be placed in the rear-facing position. After the child reaches the age of one and 20 pounds, the convertible seat can be turned forward and placed in the upright position in the back seat of the vehicle.

BOOSTER SEATS 40 pounds to 80 pounds

When the toddler outgrows the convertible seat, the child should be placed in a booster seat. High-back booster seats can be used with a lap/shoulder belt. Another option is the backless booster seat utilizing the adult lap/shoulder belt.

Infant, Toddler and Booster seats are available through the GLH Children's Memorial Fund located at 308 E Aero Dr. in Payson. The following are our requirements:

- Car seats are available to families who need one.
- Parents need to come into the GLH office, 308 E. Aero Dr. with a valid driver's license
- Parents need to bring the child into the office with them when picking up the car seat
- Pregnant mothers can pick up a car seat in their final trimester.
- If you require assistance in properly installing your new car seat, help can be obtained at your local fire department.
- It is recommended that you obtain a new car seat rather than a used or hand-me-down. You can then be assured that the car seat was not involved in a traffic accident, or otherwise compromised.