

Child Safety Seat Regulations in New Jersey

New legislation effective September 1, 2017

Previous Law: Had an exemption that would allow an individual to say that they had been following the car seat manufacturer's height and weight recommendations for the car seat that they were using.

Under the new law, this exemption no longer exists.

Regulations Under the New Law:

- ♦ *Children up to age 2 and weighing up to 30 pounds **must** be in a rear-facing care seat with a five-point harness.*
- ♦ *Children ages 2 to 4 weighing up to 40 pounds **must** be secured in either a rear-facing or a forward-facing car seat with a five-point harness in the back of a vehicle.*
- ♦ *Children ages 4 to 8 are **required** to remain in a car or booster seat in the back seat of a vehicle until they are **at least** 8 years old or 57 inches tall.*
- ♦ *Children age 8 and older are permitted to sit in a regular seat using a seat belt.*
- ♦ *Children should remain in the back seat until at least the age of 13.*

For more car seat safety information visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/passengersafety/index.html>

