

# WASHINGTON'S CHILD RESTRAINT LAW, THE ANTON SKEEN ACT

An act relating to child passenger restraint systems; amending [RCW 46.61.687](#) and [RCW 46.61.688](#); adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; creating new sections and providing an effective date.

Here is an interactive web-site that we can give to the public. It asks the age of the child, the weight and the height and will give the results in a new page. Here is the link: [www.boosterseat.gov](http://www.boosterseat.gov) . And another new one which [www.800buckleup.org](http://www.800buckleup.org)

AGE	WEIGHT	INFORMATION
0 - 1	Less than 20	The child shall be properly restrained in a rear-facing infant seat.
1 - 4	20 - 40	The child shall be properly restrained in a forward-facing child safety seat.
4 - 6	40 - 60	The child shall be properly restrained in a child booster seat.
6+	60+	The child shall be properly restrained with the motor vehicle's safety belt properly adjusted and fastened around the child's body or an appropriately fitting booster seat.

The driver of a vehicle transporting a child who is under the age of six years old or weighs less than sixty pounds, when the vehicle is equipped with a passenger side air bag supplemental restraint system, and the air bag system is activated, **shall transport the child in the back seat positions** in the vehicle where it is practical to do so.

## Policy change effect as of June 1, 2007:

Children less than **eight years old** must be restrained in child restraint systems, unless the child is four feet nine inches or taller. A child who is eight years old or older, or four feet nine inches or taller, must be properly restrained with the motor vehicle's safety belt or an appropriately fitting child restraint system.

Children under thirteen years old must be transported in rear seats where it is practical to do so.