

# Safe Kids Update: Kids in Cars

## Wisconsin Act 106, Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Law, Effective June 1, 2006

**FACT:** Parents, guardians and care givers make important decisions about child safety. We know the dangers to children who are not properly protected in vehicles are real. A child's brain is very fragile. Most of our brain cells are in the outer layer of the brain and are easily damaged by head trauma. Keep your children safe, buckle them in a child safety seat, booster seat or safety belt.

### Wisconsin Law:

#### Babies under 1(one) year old OR under 20 pounds

Must ride in rear facing child safety seat

Must be in in back seat\*

#### Toddlers and Pre-schoolers age 1+ to 4 years old

Weigh at least 20 pounds and less than 40 pounds

Must be in child safety seat (not booster seat)

Must be in the back seat\*



#### Children 4-8 years old

Less than 80 lbs, under 4 ft. 9 in. tall

Must be in booster seat with shoulder and lap belt system in place

#### Children 8 years and older must wear safety belt

**No exceptions for any child under any circumstances!**

**NOTE:** Law also makes the driver responsible for all unbelted passengers in car no matter how old they are.

**Violations:** June 1, 2006 until December 31, 2006 warnings given and sent to DMV; second warning is ticket

(so ask your adult passengers to buckle up too!)

After January 1, 2007 citations for every offense

**All children under 13 years are safest in the back seat.\*\***

If you are unable to afford proper child safety seats  
ask your health care provider, help is available.

**For your child's sake, follow the law.**