Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Law

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ALL CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OLD SHALL RIDE IN THE REAR SEAT OF A VEHICLE WHEN AVAILABLE AND PROPERLY RESTRANED

1. Birth to at least 2 years old
   Ride rear facing in an infant or convertible child safety seat.

2. At least 2 years old AND has outgrown rear facing seat by height or weight
   Ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with internal harness.

3. 4 years old AND has outgrown the forward facing internal harness system by height or weight
   Ride restrained in a belt positioning child booster seat.

4. 9 years old OR has outgrown the booster seat AND can pass the 5 step test*
   Ride restrained with a lap shoulder belt secured correctly on the vehicle seat.

* 5 step test:
  - Back against the vehicle seat
  - Knees bent at edge of seat
  - Lap belt on tops of thighs, not belly
  - Shoulder belt between neck and shoulder
  - Sit properly. No slouching, no playing with seatbelt, etc.

Seats must be used according to the manufacturer’s instructions. For height and weight guidance, visit www.healthychildren.org or https://bit.ly/1SLucaD