



# Town of Manlius Police Department SAFETY BULLETIN

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## Is your child in the right car seat?

Selecting a car seat for your little one can sometimes be frustrating and overwhelming. There are many different manufacturers and types of car seats to choose from. Below is a quick reference to help guide you in determining which car seat is right for your child.

### Phase 1: Birth—2 years

Children under 1 year of age should ride in a rear facing car seat. The longer you can keep your child in a rear facing seat the better. During this phase, parents can purchase one of three types of car seats; infant only, convertible or a 3-in-1 car seat. An infant-only car seat can only be used in a rear facing position, where the convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher

height and weight limits. This allows you to keep your child in the rear facing position for a longer period of time.

### Phase 2: 2—3 years old

When your child outgrows the size limit for the rear facing seat (usually around age 2), he/she can be placed into a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

### Phase 3: 4—7 years old

Once your child outgrows the forward facing car seat (according to the manufacture specs) transition your child to a booster seat. A high backed booster seat is recommended to provide more head protection while also keeping the shoulder harness properly positioned across the

child's chest.

### Phase 4: 8—12 years old

Keep your child in a booster seat until he/she is big enough to sit in an adult seat properly. The seat belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest. A seat belt that rests on the stomach area or across the neck is not a proper fit for the child. Children should always ride in the back seat when possible.

Remember to always follow the manufacturer's guidelines for size and weight for the car seat you chose.

For more information visit:  
<http://safeny.ny.gov/seat-vt.htm>



## New York State Occupant Restraint Law

New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law 1229-c covers the operation of vehicles with safety seats and safety belts.

1. In the front seat, the driver and each passenger must wear a seat belt, one belt per person. The driver and passengers 16 years of age or older are subject to being ticketed.
2. Every occupant, regardless of age or seating position, of a motor vehicle being operated by the holder of a Class-DJ Learner Permit, a Limited Class-DJ or Class-DJ driver must be restrained by a safety restraint.
3. Each passenger under age 16 must wear a seat belt or use an appropriate child safety restraint.
4. If under age 4, the passenger must be properly secured in a federally approved child safety seat. A child under 4 who weighs more than 40 pounds may be restrained in a booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt.
5. A child of age 4, 5, 6, or 7 must use a booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt or a child safety seat. A child more than 4'9" tall and/or more than 100 pounds is allowed to use a seat belt that has both a lap belt and a shoulder harness.
6. The driver of the vehicle is responsible for all passengers under the age of 16 obeying these laws and is subject to be ticketed.

## Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations

Did you know that there are police officers who are certified by New York State to check and properly install safety seats in your vehicle? To schedule an appointment to have your child's car seat checked by a car seat technician call **315-682-2212**. For a list of other safety seat inspection stations visit: <http://safeny.ny.gov/seat-per.htm>

## 2016 Shop with a Cop

On December 3rd, 2016 the Town of Manlius, Town of Dewitt and the City of Syracuse Police Departments partnered up to sponsor over 55 children this holiday season. The kids were selected from the surrounding school districts and given a \$100 target gift card to shop with a cop for their families, for the Christmas holiday. We would like to thank our community sponsors who donated the money to make this event possible.

