For Your Child’s Sake, Go Above and Beyond Iowa’s Child Passenger Safety Law!

**IOUWA LAW | BEST PRACTICE**

1. **REAR-FACING**
   - Children must ride in an appropriate rear-facing child safety seat until one year of age and at least 20 pounds.
   - Children should ride in an appropriate rear-facing child safety seat until the maximum height or weight limit of the seat is reached.

2. **FORWARD-FACING**
   - Children must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat through the age of 5. (Seats must be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s directions.)
   - Children should be restrained in a 5-point harness system until the maximum height or weight limit of the child safety seat is reached.

3. **BOOSTER**
   - Children must ride in a booster seat or seat belt between the ages of 6-11, regardless of their seating position within a vehicle.
   - After outgrowing a 5-point harness, children should move into a booster seat. Children should ride in a booster seat until the vehicle’s lap and shoulder belt fit properly. Most children will need a booster seat until they are between 8 and 12 years old.

4. **SEATBELT**
   - Rear seat occupants up to age 18 must be secured by a safety belt.
   - Buckle Up for Life! Regardless of your age, protect yourself and fellow occupants by buckling up every trip, every time, regardless of your seating position within the vehicle.

Best Practice Guidelines are per the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Protect your precious cargo by making sure they ride right at all times. For more information, visit blankchildrens.org/cps or call 1-800-258-6419.

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