

Keep Children Protected:

Support HB 4511 and 4512

Updating Michigan statute to align with national safety guidelines and recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Car seats reduce the risk of death by **71%** in infants, **54%** in toddlers
Booster seats reduce the risk of death by **46%** in children 4-8 years of age.

Source: AAP State Advocacy Focus Child Passenger Safety



While firearms injuries are now the leading cause, motor vehicle collisions are the **second leading cause of death and the primary cause of unintentional injuries among children and adolescents in Michigan.**

Michigan's laws are out of date with national guidelines

Current Michigan Statute	House Bill 4511 and 4512
	Infants and toddlers should ride in rear facing seat as long as possible, at least until they reach the highest height or weight limit of the seat or until age 2
Young children should ride in car safety seats with a harness until at least age 4	Young children should ride in a forward-facing seat with a harness, until they reach the highest height or weight limit or until age 5
School-aged children should ride in booster seats until a height of 4'9" or age 8	Children should ride in a booster seat until the vehicle lap and shoulder belt fits properly or until they reach the height of 4' 9" or 8 years of age
	A child less than 13 years old should ride in the rear seat with a fastened safety belt, if a rear seat is available