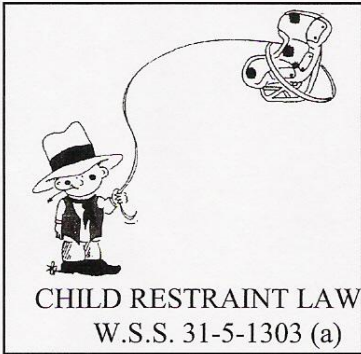


# CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY FACT SHEET



## KEY POINTS:

- \* Applies to child not yet nine.
- \* Applies to ALL drivers.
- \* Applies to all private passenger vehicles.
- \* Child must be properly secured in vehicle seat other than front seat.
- \* Child must be properly secured in restraint and properly installed in vehicle according to manufacturer's instructions.
- \* Applies to residents and non-residents.
- \* Is a PRIMARY OFFENSE

## PENALTY:

- \* Maximum \$60.00 fine for first offense.
- \* Maximum \$110.00 fine for second and subsequent offenses. (Effective February 17, 2005)

## HINTS FOR BOOSTER SEAT USE:

Review individual instructions for boosters. Look at vehicle seat. Is there support behind the child's head? Lap and shoulder belt must be used with booster seats.

<b>PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT USE CHART</b>			
<b>Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back!</b>			
	<b>INFANTS</b>	<b>YOUNG CHILD (Age 1-4)</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	Birth to at least 1 year <b>and</b> at least 20 lbs.	Over 20 lbs. to about 40lbs. <b>and</b> over 1year	Over 40 lbs. Up to about 80 lbs. or more
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible/ Forward- facing only with harness	Belt positioning booster seat
Seat Position	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
<b>ALWAYS</b> make sure:	Children at least one year <b>and</b> at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats but longer if seat provides to heavier weight.  Harness straps at or below shoulder level	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders  Most convertible seats require top slot for forward-facing  (Check instructions)	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with <b>both lap and shoulder</b> belt  Provides protection for head
<b>WARNING!</b>	<b>Do not place infants in the front seat of vehicles with air bags</b>	<b>All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat</b>	<b>Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries</b>

*Always fill out the registration card that comes with the seat in case of a recall. (Source: NHTSA)*

## TO FIT A SEAT BELT PROPERLY A CHILD MUST:

Keep back and buttocks against vehicle seat back. Keep the shoulder belt on the shoulder resting snugly over the chest and lap belt across the hip/upper thigh. Keep knees completely bent over the edge of the vehicle seat. Keep feet flat on the floor, and able to stay comfortably seated this way for the entire trip.

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