

Child Restraint Law:



Regardless of a child's seating position in a vehicle, children under six (6) years of age shall be protected in a properly installed child passenger restraint system, and children six (6) through twelve (12) years of age must be protected by use of either a properly installed child passenger restraint system or a safety belt.



Vehicles not originally equipped with safety belts are exempt from the law. A child medically unable to wear a safety belt because of a physical condition can also be exempt with a signed, written verification from a physician. The law also does not apply to the drivers of emergency vehicles, such as ambulances.

Safety Belt Law:



All drivers and front seat passengers of cars, pickups, vans and sport utility vehicles, regardless of age, must wear safety belts.



Two-wheeled vehicles, heavy trucks, semi-trailers, school buses, recreational vehicles, postal service vehicles and farm vehicles are exempt.



Persons medically unable to wear a safety belt due to a physical condition, cannot be cited for non-compliance if they have in their possession written verification of their condition from a doctor.



A physician cannot be held liable if he or she provides a written release to a patient who is subsequently killed or injured in a car crash.



Law enforcement officers can stop and subsequently ticket a driver for violating either of these laws.