

Maryland's CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAWS



TR22.412.2

A person transporting a child under the age of 8 years in a motor vehicle shall secure the child in a federally-approved child safety seat* in accordance with the child safety seat and vehicle manufacturers' instructions unless the child: is 4 feet, 9 inches tall or taller; or weighs more than 65 pounds.



A person may not transport a child under the age of 16 years unless the child is secured in: a child safety seat* or a seat belt in all seating positions in all vehicles.

[*Child safety seat includes infant seats, convertible seats, forward-facing seats, booster seats, or other safety devices federally approved to restrain, seat, or position a child who is transported in a motor vehicle.]



TR21.1121

A child younger than 16 years may not ride in an unenclosed cargo bed of a pick-up truck.



Remember! Kids under age 13 are safest in the back seat!

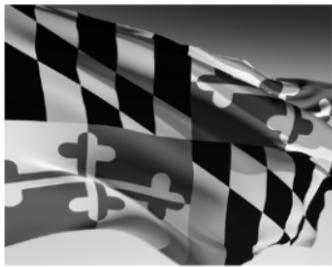
It is very important that all children are properly secured in child safety seats (including booster seats) and seat belts.

QUESTIONS?

Call Maryland Kids in Safety Seats at 1-800-370-SEAT or (410) 767-6016 or visit us online at www.mdkiss.org

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Maryland's ADULT SEAT BELT LAW

(TR22.412.3)

Since October 1, 1997, Maryland has had a **PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW**. This law means that police officers are able to ticket drivers and/or adult front seat passengers for not wearing a seat belt even if no other violation is observed.

OTHER VITAL FACTS ABOUT THE LAW.

- Covers motor vehicles:

- Registered in Maryland as Class A (passenger), Class E (truck), Class F (truck tractor), Class M (multipurpose) or Class P (passenger bus) vehicles.
- The same types of vehicles registered in another state.

- Who is covered by the law?

- The law covers the driver and the front seat passenger next to the door, each or both of whom may receive a ticket for not wearing a seat belt. For example:
- If neither the driver nor the front seat passenger are buckled up, each of them will receive a \$25 ticket.
- In the case where neither the driver nor any passenger 15 years of age or younger are buckled up, the driver will receive a ticket for both. A \$25 adult seat belt ticket for the driver and a \$48 ticket for the passenger (15 years of age or younger).*

- Not covered by the law are:

- Those who have a written certificate from their doctor stating a medical reason for not using their seat belt.
- Drivers and passengers of Class L (historical) motor vehicles and of vehicles not required by federal motor vehicle standards to be equipped with seat belts.

QUESTIONS?

Call the Maryland State Highway Administration at (410) 787-4077, (410) 787-5893, or 1-888-963-0307.

*Children younger than 16 years of age, in all seating positions, in all vehicles, are required to be restrained under Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Law. (Please see reverse side for more information)

Together we're making sure it clicks in Maryland!