

Guide to PA's Booster Seat Requirements

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- ☞ Current seat belt and car/booster seat laws apply to: passenger cars, Class I trucks (weighing 5,000 lbs. or less), Class II trucks (weighing 5,001 - 7,000 lbs.), classic motor vehicles, antique motor vehicles (if originally equipped with seat belts) as well as motor homes.
- ☞ Children under 4 years of age are **required** to be fastened in a child passenger restraint system **anywhere** in the vehicle.
- ☞ Children ages 4 through and including age 7 are **required** to be in an approved booster seat **anywhere** in the vehicle.
 - ☞ Fines for car or booster seat violations shall be waived provided the person shows evidence that he or she purchased or otherwise obtained a child passenger restraint prior to the scheduled hearing. If you have paid the fine already, you will not receive a refund.
 - ☞ No points are assessed to a driver's record for violations of this law nor can an insurance company charge an insured driver for violations of this law.
 - ☞ Fines collected are deposited into the Child Passenger Restraint Fund, which is used solely for the purpose of purchasing federally approved child restraint seats and making such seat available to qualified loaner programs within the Commonwealth.
- ☞ Persons from 8 to 18 years of age **must** be fastened in a seat belt **anywhere** in the vehicle. (Violations are secondary and shall be fined \$10. The driver is responsible to ensure that persons ages 8 through and including age 17 are fastened in the seat belt; therefore, fines would be assessed to the driver.)
- ☞ Persons 18 years of age and older are **required** to be in a seat belt in the **front seat only**. (Violations are secondary and shall be fined \$10. The actual "violation" would be responsible for this fine.)