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Child Passenger Safety Law

As of December 1, 2001, New Jersey Law Requires:

- Children up to age 8 or 80 pounds must ride in a safety or booster seat in the rear seat of the vehicle. If there is no rear seat, the child must sit in the front seat secured by a safety or booster seat.
- Children under age 8 who weigh more than 80 pounds must wear a seat belt anywhere in the vehicle.
- Passengers age 8 to 18 (regardless of weight) must wear a seat belt anywhere inside a vehicle.
- Motorist in violation of the Law (Title 39:3-76.2a) can be stopped by Law Enforcement Officers and issued a summons.

Always Remember...

Infants - face backwards

Toddlers - face forwards

- Always use the car's seat belt to anchor the seat to the car.
- Make sure the seat's harness fits snugly.
- Tether straps greatly reduce head injury. If your seat is equipped with a tether, refer to your vehicle owner's manual for the location of the anchor hook-up for the tether strap.
- Set a good example by wearing your seatbelt every time you travel. All drivers and front seat passengers must wear a seat belt in New Jersey. It's the law.
- Studies show that when children are buckled up correctly, they are less likely to be injured during a crash.

- Put your child in a car seat every time you travel even on short trips.
- Never use a car seat that has been in a crash. Obtain a new car seat.
- Use only federally approved car seats that are less than 6-years old.

One Minute Safety Seat Checkup

- ✓ Is the safety seat in the back seat?
- ✓ Is the safety seat installed correctly and tightly in the vehicle with the safety belt?
- ✓ Is the safety belt routed correctly?
- ✓ Is the safety seat facing the correct way? (rear facing for an infant under 1 year and less than 20 lbs or forward facing for over 1 year of age and over 20lbs.)
- ✓ Are the shoulder straps in the correct slot? (rear facing-lower slots, forward facing-upper slots)
- ✓ Is the child in the safety seat securely?
 - + Shoulder straps snug?
 - + Harness clip positioned at armpit level?
 - + Straps not twisted?
 - + Latch fastened?
- ✓ If the child is over 40 lbs. and under 4'9", is the child in the booster seat with lap and shoulder belt buckled in?
- ✓ Is the older child in a safety belt? Positioned low and snug?

REAR-FACING SAFETY SEATS



Infants until at least 1 year of age and at least 20 pounds should be in a Rear-facing Child Safety Seat. Never use a household carrier.

FORWARD-FACING SAFETY SEATS



Toddlers over 1 year old and between 20 and 40 pounds can be in a Forward-facing Child Safety Seat.



BOOSTER SEATS

Children over 40 pounds and under 4'9" (usually 4 to 8 years old) can be in Booster Seats.



Backless
Booster Seat



High Back
Booster Seat

LAP/SHOULDER BELTS



Usually kids over 4'9" can fit in Lap/Shoulder Belts.

Never put an infant in the front seat of a vehicle when an air bag is present.

