

# ILLINOIS OCCUPANT PROTECTION LAWS

## CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION ACT

### Transporting a child under age of 8; restraint system 625 ILCS 25/4

When any person is transporting a child in this State under the age of 8 years, such person shall be responsible for providing for the protection of such child by properly securing him or her in an appropriate child restraint system. The parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of 8 years shall provide a child restraint system to any person who transports his or her child. Any person who transports the child of another shall not be in violation of this Section unless a child restraint system was provided by the parent or legal guardian but not used to transport the child.

### Children 8 years of age or older but under age of 16; restraint system or seat belts 625 ILCS 25/4a

Every person, when transporting a child 8 years of age or older but under the age of 16, as provided in Section 4 of this Act [625 ILCS 25/4], shall be responsible for properly securing that child in seat belts.

### Children 8 years of age or older but under the age of 18; seat belts 625 ILCS 25/4b

Every person under the age of 18 years, when transporting a child 8 years of age or older but under the age of 18 years, as provided in Section 4 of this Act [625 ILCS 25/4] shall be responsible for securing that child in a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt or an appropriate child restraint system.

### Violations; fines 625 ILCS 25/6

A violation of this Act [625 ILCS 25/4] is a petty offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 waived upon proof of possession of an approved child restraint system as defined under this Act. A subsequent violation of this Act is a petty offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.

## SAFETY BELT LAW

### Driver and passenger required to use safety belts 625 ILCS 5/12-603.1

Each driver and front seat passenger shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt; except that, a child less than 6 years of age shall be protected as required pursuant to the Child Passenger Protection Act [625 ILCS 25/1]. Each driver under the age of 18 years and each of the driver's passengers under the age of 18 years shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt. Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child 6 years of age or more, but less than 16 years of age, in the front seat of the motor vehicle shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt.

For More Information On Child Safety

Visit the NHTSA Web site at  
[www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

or call

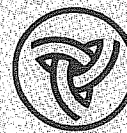
the DOT Auto Safety Hotline toll free at  
**(1-888-327-4236)**  
for the most current information.

## PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT USE

Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back!

	Infants	Toddler/ Preschool	Young Children
Age and Weight	Birth to at least 1 year and 20-22 lbs.	Over 20 lbs. to about 40 lbs. and over 1 year	Over 40 lbs. up to about 80 lbs. or more
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Convertible/ Forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seat
Seat Position	Rear-facing only	Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always Make Sure:	Children to at least 1 year and at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats Harness straps at or below shoulder level	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders Most seats require top slot for forward-facing	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt
WARNING!	Do not place infants in the front seat of cars with air bags	All children age 12 and under ride in the back seat	Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries

Always fill out the registration card that comes with the seat in case of a recall.



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