

Indiana Child Passenger Law

(effective July 1, 2005)

- Children are required to ride properly restrained in a child restraint, which can include a belt positioning booster seat, until they reach their 8th birthday, unless it is reasonably determined that the child does not fit in a child restraint. (This does not include shoulder belt positioners.)
- If at court proceedings a driver who has received a violation under this code possesses or has acquired a child restraint system, the driver is not liable for any costs or monetary judgment if the person has no previous judgments of violation of this chapter against the person.
- Fees collected from violations will be entered into a fund to purchase child restraints for low income families throughout Indiana.
- Exemptions:
 - If all lap/shoulder seat belts are being used by other children, then a child over 40 pounds may ride in a lap only seat belt without a child restraint. (Booster seats cannot be safely used with a lap only seat belt.)
 - Additional exemptions include vehicles such as a school bus, ambulance, public passenger bus, motorcycle and other emergency vehicles.
- Children at least 8 years old until their 16th birthday are required to ride properly restrained in a child restraint system or seat belt in all seating positions in all vehicles.

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- Children 16 and older (& adults) are required to ride properly restrained in a seat belt in the front seat in passenger vehicles.
- Also included in current law