

Maryland's CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAWS









TR22.412.2(d)

A person transporting a child under the age of 8 years in a motor vehicle shall secure the child in a federallyapproved 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.

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(c)

A child younger than 16 years may not ride in the 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 mdkiss.org









Maryland's SEAT BELT LAW

(TR22.412.3)

Maryland law requires use of a seat belt by all passengers in *all* seats. This means that police officers are able to ticket drivers and passengers for not wearing a seat belt.

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.
- Maryland's occupant protection laws are applicable to vehicles registered both in-state and out-of-state.

- Who is covered by the law?

- The law covers the driver and passengers in both the front and back seats. Each person that is not buckled up (driver and passenger) may receive a ticket of \$83 (including court costs) for not wearing a seatbelt.
- In the case where neither the driver nor any passenger younger than 16 years of age are buckled up, the driver will receive a ticket for both: an \$83 adult seat belt ticket (including court costs) for the driver and an \$83 ticket (including court costs) for the passenger (younger than 16 years of age).*

QUESTIONS

Call the MVA's Maryland Highway Safety Office at 410-787-4050.

*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).



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