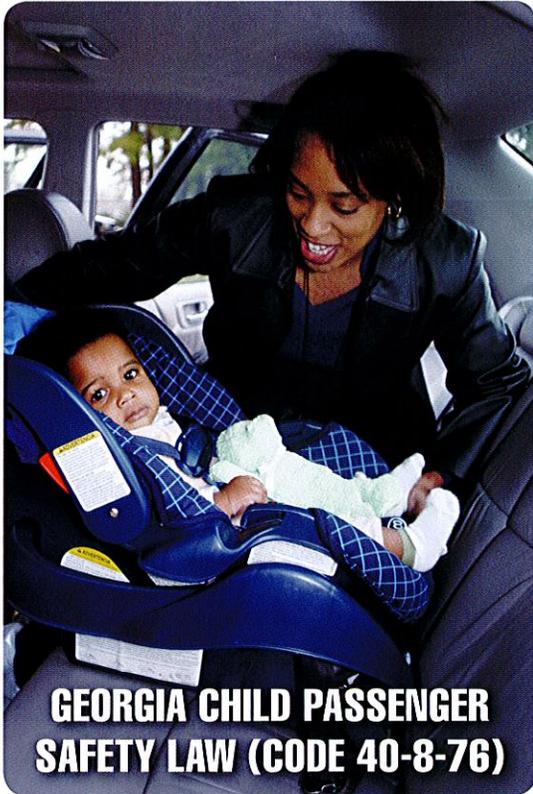


Georgia Child Passenger Safety Law... What You Need To Know



Effective July 1, 2011, children under age 8 must be properly secured in an approved car seat or booster seat while riding in:

- Passenger automobiles, vans, and pickup trucks
- Exemptions – taxicabs and public transit vehicles

The car seat and/or booster seat must:

- Be in the rear seat
- Be appropriate for the child's weight & height
- Meet all U.S. Federal standards
- Be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions

EXEMPTIONS:

- Children under age 8 whose height is over 4'9" or 57"
- The child's parent or guardian has a written statement from a Physician that the child has a physical or medical condition that prevents placing or restraining them as required by law. Parent or guardian should keep this statement in their possession.

EXCEPTIONS:

A child under age 8 and weighing at least 40 pounds **is not** exempt from the law. They may use a lap belt only instead of a car seat or booster seat when:

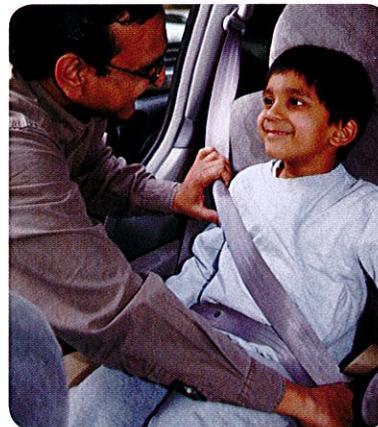
- The vehicle is not equipped with lap & shoulder belts; **or**
- Excluding the driver's seat, all seating positions with lap & shoulder belts are being used to restrain other children. In this case, the placement of car seats / booster seats should be evaluated to determine if they can be repositioned to provide the best protection for all children being transported.

FINES:

1st conviction – not more than \$50. 2nd and subsequent convictions – not more than \$100

Points assessed against violator's driver's license:

1st conviction – 1 point, 2nd and subsequent convictions – 2 points



BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Always read and follow child restraint instructions for proper use of the child restraint system as well as the vehicle owner's manual.
- ✓ Child restraints should be installed with no more than one inch of movement from side-to-side or front-to-back (tested at the belt path).
- ✓ Rear-facing child restraints should never be placed in front of an active airbag.
- ✓ Children should remain rear-facing until they reach the upper weight limit or height allowed by the seat.
- ✓ Children should remain in a booster seat until the safety belt fits them correctly across the hips and collar bone.
- ✓ Children age twelve (12) and under should ride in the back seat of the vehicle whenever possible. The back seat is the safest position for children.
- ✓ Expectant mothers should always wear their safety belt.

ALWAYS BUCKLE UP! CHILD RESTRAINTS AND SAFETY BELTS SAVE LIVES!