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GTSC maintains a registry of certified child passenger safety technicians, instructors and seat belt check events in New York State.



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From the desk of ...
James F. Kralik, Sheriff



Dear Friends:

One of the precious gifts in life is that of a child. Every parent and caregiver must always be aware of that responsibility every time they get into a car. Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death and injury for children in the United States. It is estimated that more than one-third of young children in this country still ride unrestrained in motor vehicles. With such startling statistics, awareness and preventive techniques must be implemented.

Through quality programs from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee we can change those astonishing facts. Law enforcement is working hard toward the improvement of safe and secure child safety seats with the proper installation of these devices.

Your participation in this program would enhance the well being of your child while traveling on the roads. As stated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, of the children ages 0 to 12 years who were killed in motor vehicle accidents during 1999-2000, 52% were unrestrained, 18% were incorrectly restrained, and 35% were riding in the front seat. It is our duty to reduce these figures through increased education.

*The Life of A Child Is The
Most Precious Gift*

It Is Our DUTY To Protect Them!

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PROGRAM

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

INFORMATION

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND



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NEW YORK STATE OCCUPANT PASSENGER RESTRAINT LAW

In passenger vehicles
(Cars/Passengers trucks/RVs)

- The driver and all front seat passengers must wear seat belts, one person per belt. All children under 7 are required to be restrained in an appropriate child restraint system.
- Children under the age of 4 are required to be restrained in a federally approved child safety seat (FMVSS 213).
- Children under the age of 4 but weighing more than 40 pounds may be restrained in a booster seat, with a lap shoulder belt.
- Children ages 4, 5, and 6, riding in any seating position of a motor vehicle will be required to be restrained in an appropriate child restraint system.
- Back seat passengers up to age 16 must be properly restrained either in appropriate child restraint system or by seat belt if at least age 7.
- All children 12 and under should ride in the back seat properly restrained. It is NOT illegal for a child passenger to ride in the front seat of a vehicle that has an air bag, but it is dangerous.
- Liveries, taxis, public transportation, buses and emergency vehicles are exempt from the occupant restraint law.
- Children less than 4 must be restrained in a child safety seat when riding in a school bus.



Child Restraint System - is any device used in conjunction with safety belts, designed for use in a motor vehicle to restrain, seat or position children. The vehicles' safety belts are NOT a child restraint system.

When choosing the correct child safety seat: A combination of factors should be considered:

- Age, height and weight (size) of child.
- Type of child seat age and certification labels (safety)
- Compatibility convenience and comfort (The way you secure your child and seat into the car)
- Read the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for that particular seat
- Check your vehicle owner's manual for instructions

Note: Properly securing a child into the child safety seat AND properly securing the child safety seat with the vehicle's seat belts are equally critical.

Make sure you return your car seat registration card to the manufacturer

The safest place for a child to ride is in the center of the back seat

Use a booster seat for a child who has outgrown a convertible child safety seat.

By Sep 1, 2002 all new vehicles and child safety seats will be equipped with a universal anchorage system

LATCH (Lower Anchors & Tethers for Children (Refer FMVSS 213 and 225)



Types of Seats

Infant: up to 1 yr - 20 lbs -27 "
Convertible: for both infants & toddlers
Forward-facing only: over 1 yr 20-40 lbs
Booster: 4-8 yrs 40-80 lbs

Booster Seats

There are two major types of belt-positioning booster seats:

- Backless or low-back booster seats are used in vehicles with a high seat back in which the child's head can be supported by the vehicle seat back or head restraint.
- High-back booster seats are used in vehicles with a low seat back where there is no vehicle seat back or head restraint to support the child's head and neck.
- Booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt.

NEVER use a booster seat with a lap belt only.

NEVER put shoulder belts under a child's arms or behind his or her back.

NEVER place a rear-facing child safety seat in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with passenger airbags

NEVER use a child safety seat that has been involved in a crash or has missing parts or labels.

NEVER use a child safety seat if it is on the recall list.

Remember

NY is a primary enforcement State. An officer may stop your vehicle if the driver or passenger is not properly restrained.

Fines will range from \$25 to \$100 for violations and drivers may be assessed 3 points.