

Reducing the Risk

Vermont Child Restraint Law



Car Seat
Safety Information
for Parents & Caregivers

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children from 3–14 years of age.

Vermont Law states:

➤ All infants under one year old and less than 20 pounds shall ride rear-facing in a proper child restraint that is not installed in front of an active air bag. *The law is a minimum standard. Rear facing longer is safer.*



➤ All children up to the age of 8 shall ride in a properly used child restraint.

➤ All children age 8 to 18 shall ride in a properly used child restraint or safety belt system.

Child restraints can reduce the safety risks by as much as 70%.

Fines are:

- \$25 for first violation
- \$50 for second violation
- \$100 for third and subsequent violations

888-VMT-SEAT (868-7328)

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Buckle Up for Every Ride

Make Safety a Habit

8 out of 10 car seats are used incorrectly.

Keep these tips in mind to keep safe.

Start Early

The first ride home from the hospital should be a child's first ride in a safety seat.

Be Consistent

Use the safety seat every time, no matter how long the trip.

Get Help

Assistance and support is available at safety seat fitting stations located throughout the state. Call 888-VMT-Seat for additional information.

Set an Example

Children want to be like their parents. If the adult buckles up, the child will too!

Make It a Habit

Buckling up should be just like brushing your teeth—routine.

Seat Belts are Made For Adults

Kids don't wear adult clothing and they shouldn't wear adult seat belts either. They just don't fit! Kids need booster seats to make the adult seat belts fit properly. After outgrowing the harnessed seat, the child needs a booster seat until an adult belt fits. Always use with a lap and shoulder belt.



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