

Seat Belt Laws by State

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States with Primary Seat Belt Laws

| State | Who is Covered (Yrs.) | In What Seat |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alabama | 15+ | Front (secondary for rear seats) |
| Alaska | 16+ | All |
| Arkansas | 15+ | Front |
| California | 16+ | All |
| Connecticut | 8+ | Front |
| Delaware ¹ | 16+ | All |
| D.C. | 16+ | All |
| Florida | 6+ | 6-17 yrs: All |
| | | 6+: Front |
| Georgia | | 8-17 yrs: All |
| | 8+ | 18 and over: Front |
| Guam | All | All |
| Hawaii | 8+ | All |
| Illinois | 16+ | All |
| Indiana | 16+ | All |
| Iowa | All | Front |
| Kansas | | 14-17 yrs: All |
| | 14+ | 18+: Front (other seating positions are secondary enforcement) |
| Kentucky | 7 & younger and 57"+ | All |
| | 8+ | |
| Louisiana | 13+ | All |
| Maine | 18+ | All |
| Maryland | 16+ | Under 16 yrs: All 16+: Front (secondary enforcement in rear seat) |
| Michigan | 16+ | Front |
| Minnesota | 7 & younger and 57"+ | All |
| | 8+ | |
| Mississippi | 7+ | All |
| New Jersey | 7 & younger and 57"+ | All (secondary for rear seats) |
| | 8+ | |
| New Mexico | 18+ | All |
| New York | All | All (eff. 11/1/20) |
| North Carolina | 16+ | All (secondary for rear seats) |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 6+ | All |
| Oklahoma | 13+ | Front |
| Oregon | All | All |
| Puerto Rico | 9+ (or 57"+) | |
| Rhode Island | 8+ | All |
| South Carolina | 8+ | All |
| Tennessee | 16+ | Front |

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| Texas | 7 & younger and 57"+ | All |
| | 8+ | |
| Utah | 16+ | All |
| Virgin Islands | All | Front |
| Washington | 16+ or over 4'9" | All |
| West Virginia | 8+ | 8-17 yrs: Front |
| Wisconsin | 8+ | All ² |
| Total | 34 States + D.C., PR, 4 Terr. | All (20 + D.C., 2 Terr.) Rear Secondary (10) Front Seat Only (11 + VI) |

¹ Delaware's seat belt law is a civil penalty.

² In Wisconsin, all passengers are covered except for children properly restrained in a child safety restraint system.

States with Secondary Seat Belt Laws

| State | Who is Covered (Yrs.) | In What Seat |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Arizona | | 8-15 yrs: All |
| | 8+ | 8+: Front |
| Colorado | 16+ (primary for under 18) | Front |
| Idaho | 7+ (primary for drivers under 18) | All |
| Massachusetts | 13+ | All |
| Missouri | 8+ | 8-15 yrs: All (primary enforcement) |
| | | 16+: Front |
| Montana | 6+ | All |
| Nebraska | 18+ | Front |
| Nevada | 6+ | All |
| North Dakota | 18+ | Front |
| | 18 & younger (primary) | All |
| Ohio | 8+ | 8-14 yrs: All (primary enforcement) |
| | | 15+: Front |
| Pennsylvania | 8+ | |
| | | 8-17 yrs: All (primary enforcement) |
| South Dakota | 18+ | Front |
| Vermont | 18+ (primary for <18) | All |
| Virginia | All drivers; passengers 18+ (primary for occupants under 18) | Front Under 18: All (primary enforcement) |
| Wyoming | 9+ | All |
| Total States | 15 States | All (6) Front Seat Only (9) |