

Michigan's Safety Belt and Child Restraint Laws
RESTRAINT USE REQUIREMENTS
Effective July 1, 2008

Age	Restraint	Section
0 – 3 years	All passengers shall be properly secured in approved Child Restraint System	257.710d Driver responsible
4 through 7 AND UNDER 4'9" IN HEIGHT	All passengers shall be properly secured in approved Child Restraint System	257.710e Driver responsible
4 through 7 AND 4'9" OR GREATER IN HEIGHT OR 8 – 15	All passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt	257.710e Driver responsible
16 years and older	Driver and front seat passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt	257.710e Violating occupant Responsible

CHILD RESTRAINT EXEMPTIONS (less than 4 years)

710d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passenger in a bus, school bus, taxicab, moped, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts • Child being nursed • Child qualifying for a Secretary of State rule exemption due to size, medical problem, or physical unfitness
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SAFETY BELT EXEMPTIONS

710e	<p><u>Driver or passenger:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a motor vehicle manufactured before January 1, 1965 • In a bus, motorcycle, moped • Who has a written verification from a physician for physical or medical reasons • Motor vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts under federal law • Commercial or US postal service vehicle that makes frequent stops • Rural postal carrier while serving route <p><u>Passengers only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School bus passengers (driver must be belted) • Children 8 years or older but less than 16 in rear seats if all available belts are used and driver and all front seat passengers are properly belted • Children 8 years or older but less than 16 in front seat of a pickup without an extended cab or jump seats, if all available belts are used
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