

CLICK IT OR TICKET IT.

Effective July 1, 1997 seat belt laws in Virginia changed. These lifesaving changes include:

- ♦ All children between four and sixteen years of age must wear a seat belt *no matter where* they are seated in the vehicle.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

- ♦ Police officers can stop your vehicle for not having your children properly restrained.
- ♦ Children under four must be restrained in a child safety seat which meets federal standards.
- ♦ The driver is responsible for all children in the vehicle.
- ♦ The law applies to persons who drive in Virginia.
- ♦ This law applies to vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1968 that are driven in Virginia.

CHILD PASSENGER TIPS

DO:

- ☒ Keep your children buckled at all times.
- ☒ Children under the age of four must be seated in a child safety seat.
- ☒ Only buy a child safety seat with a certification label showing it meets or exceeds Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 213.
- ☒ Fasten the seat belt harness snugly over your child's shoulders.

DO NOT:

- ⊘ Do not buckle more than one person with a seat belt.
- ⊘ Never put a rear-facing infant or convertible seat in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag.
- ⊘ Do not allow children to stand in the car.
- ⊘ Do not carry children in your arms or on your lap.
- ⊘ Do not allow your children to ride in the cargo area of a truck or station wagon.

RESOURCES & CONTACTS

FEDERAL AGENCIES:

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration(NHTSA)**
Traffic Safety Programs
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-1755

STATE AGENCIES:

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
(804) 213-4413

Department of Education
Youth Risk Programs
(804) 371-7586

LOCAL AGENCIES:

Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP)
(703) 313-9443 Northern Virginia
(540) 949-7584 Waynesboro Region
(540) 561-7408 Roanoke Region
(804) 378-3425 Richmond Region

RESOURCES:

Center for the Advancement of Public Health
George Mason University
(703) 993-3697

Drive Smart Virginia
(804) 346-3205

Operation Lifesaver, Inc.
(800) 537-6224

Operation Baby Buckle
(770) 497-6166

Auto Safety Hotline
(800) 424-9393



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