

Enhancing Road Safety in Minnesota

Primary Seat Belt Law • Booster Seat Law

Primary Seat Belt Law — Effective June 9, 2009

Minnesota's seat belt law is a primary offense, meaning drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or in the correct child restraint.

Law enforcement can stop motorists directly for seat belt violations. A seat belt ticket is \$25 to more than \$100.

Booster Seat Law — Effective July 1, 2009

A child who is both under age 8 and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches is required to be fastened in a child safety seat that meets federal safety standards. Under this law, a child cannot use a seat belt alone until they are age 8 or 4 feet 9 inches tall.

It is recommended to keep a child in a booster based on their height, rather than their age.

