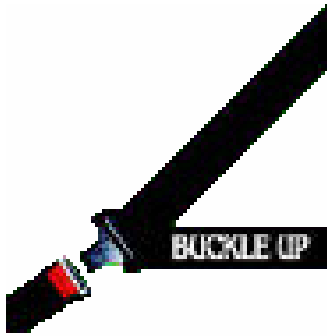


**9-19-11-3.6 Fastening and restraint of a child from 8-15 years; infraction**

Sec 3.6 (a) A person who operates a motor vehicle in which there is a child and that is equipped with safety belt meeting the standards stated in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 commits a Class D infraction if:

- (1) the child is at least eight (8) years of age but less than sixteen (16) years of age; and
- (2) the child is not properly fastened and restrained according to the child restraint system manufacturer's instructions by a:
  - (A) child restraint system; or
  - (B) safety belt.



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After your child outgrows the child safety seat.

**Children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least 8 years old, unless they are 4'9" tall.**

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



**REAR FACING SEATS** in the back seat from birth to at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds.



**FORWARD-FACING TODDLER SEATS** in the back seat from age 1 and 20 pounds to about age 4 and 40 pounds.



**BOOSTER SEATS** in the back seat from about age 4 to at least age 8, unless 4'9" tall.



**SAFETY BELTS** at age 8 and older or taller than 4'9". All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

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# INDIANA SEATBELT AND CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS



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# Indiana Law Requires Passenger Restraint Systems

## 9-19-10-1 Exemptions

Sec 1. This chapter does not apply to a front seat occupant who meets any of the following conditions.

- (1) For medical reasons should not wear safety belts.
- (2) Is a child required to be restrained by a child restraint system under IC 9-19-11.
- (3) Is traveling in a commercial or a US Postal Service vehicle that makes frequent stops for the purpose of pickup or delivery of goods or services
- (4) Is a rural carrier of the US Postal Service and is operating a vehicle while serving a rural postal route.
- (5) Is a newspaper motor route carrier or newspaper bundle hauler who stops to make deliveries from a vehicle.
- (6) Is a driver examiner designated and appointed under IC 9-14-2-3 and is conducting an examination of an applicant for a permit or license.

## 9-19-10-2 Required Fastened Safety Belt

Sec 2 Each front seat occupant of a passenger motor vehicle that is equipped with a safety belt meeting the standards stated in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 shall have a safety belt properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the vehicle is in forward motion.

## 9-19-10-2.5 Child Passenger Restraint Systems

Sec 2.5 A person who operates a passenger motor vehicle that is equipped with a safety belt meeting the standards stated in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 in which there is a child commits a class D infraction if:

- (1) A child is at least (4) four years of age but less than twelve (12) years of age; and

- (2) The child is not properly fastened and restrained by:
  - A. A child passenger restraint system
  - B. A safety Belt

## 9-19-11-1 Chapter Exceptions

Sec 1. This chapter does not apply to a person who operates any of the following vehicles:

- (1) A school bus
- (2) A taxi cab
- (3) An ambulance
- (4) A public passenger bus
- (5) A motor vehicle having a seating capacity greater than nine (9) individuals that is owned or leased and operated by a religious or not-for-profit youth organization
- (6) An antique motor vehicle
- (7) A motorcycle
- (8) A motor vehicle that is owned or leased by a governmental unit and is being used in the performance of official law enforcement duties.
- (9) A motor vehicle that is being used in an emergency.

## 9-19-11-2 Child Passenger Restraints for Children Under 4

Sec 2 A person who operates a motor vehicle in which there is a child less than four (4) years of age who is not properly fastened and restrained by a child passenger restraint system commits a Class D infraction, unless it is reasonably determined that the child will not fit in a child passenger restraint system.

## 9-19-11-2 Child Passenger Restraints for Children Under 8

Sec 2. (a) A person who:

- (1) holds an Indiana driver's license; and
- (2) operates a motor vehicle in which there is a child less than eight (8) years of age who is not properly fastened and restrained according to the child restraint system manufacturer's instructions by a child restraint system; commits a class D infraction, unless it is reasonably determined that the child will not fit in a passenger restraint system.

## 9-19-11-3 Infraction for improper fastening of children under 4

Sec 3. (a) A person who operates a motor vehicle in which there is a child commits a Class D infraction if:

- (1) the child is less than four (4) years of age and it is reasonably determined that the child will not fit in a child restraint system; and
- (2) the child is not properly fastened and restrained by a safety belt.

## 9-19-11-3 Infraction for improper fastening of children under 8

Sec 3. (a) A person who holds an Indiana Driver's license and operates a motor vehicle in which there is a child commits a Class D infraction if:

- (1) the child is less than eight (8) years of age and it is reasonably determined that the child will not fit in a child restraint system; and
- (2) the child is not properly fastened and restrained by a :
  - (A) Child restraint system; or
  - (B) Safety belt.