



Child Safety Laws and Regulations

Ohio State Child Occupant Protection Law

Law Mandate

- Children ages 0-3 and weighing less than 40 pounds must be properly restrained in an appropriate child safety seat (primary enforcement).
- Effective October 6, 2009, children ages 7 & under and less than 4'9" must use a booster seat (secondary enforcement).
- The law requires the driver to restrain both the child safety seat and the child properly.
- Children ages 8-15 must use a child safety seat or safety belt (secondary enforcement).

Public Education

Ohio has a public education program that teaches drivers about child passenger safety and has public funding to subsidize the cost of the program.

Enforcement

- Fine of \$25-\$75.
- Drivers will receive warnings for the first six months after the booster seat law becomes effective on October 6, 2009.