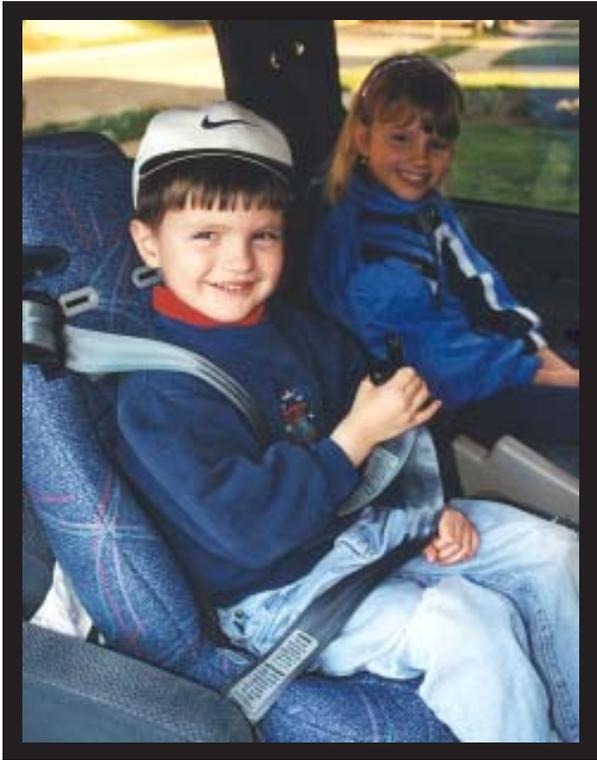


New York's Child Restraint Law



New York's safety belt law now requires parents to properly restrain children **up to age 7** in an *appropriate child restraint system*, based upon the child's age, height, weight and vehicle equipment. In addition to the child-specific requirements on the back of this card, state law also requires that:

- All front seat occupants must be properly restrained, regardless of age;
- All children sitting in the back seat must be properly restrained **until their 16th birthday**.

For further information, contact the
New York State Police at www.troopers.state.ny.us
or call your local State Police barracks.

<i>If your child is...</i>	<i>The law requires...</i>
<i>Under</i> four years old AND weighs <u>up to</u> 40 pounds...	He or she must be <u>must</u> be properly secured in a child safety seat that meets applicable federal safety standards, and is properly attached to a vehicle by a safety belt or universal child restraint anchorage (LATCH) system. (<i>N.Y.S. Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 1229-c(1) and c(2).</i>)
<i>Under</i> four years old AND weighs <u>more than</u> 40 pounds...	He or she MAY be secured in a booster seat with a lap/shoulder ("combination") safety belt, in the event you do not have a child safety seat – one equipped with an internal harness system – that accommodates your child according to manufacturer's instructions. If all available combination belts are being used to secure other passengers under age 16, your child must be seated in a lap belt <u>only</u> . DO NOT use a booster seat with only a lap belt! If your vehicle is not equipped with combination belts for passengers, your child must be seated in a <u>lap belt only</u> . DO NOT use a booster seat with only a lap belt! (<i>N.Y.S. Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 1229-c(1) and c(2).</i>)
4, 5 or 6 years old AND is 57" tall or less, AND weighs <u>up to</u> 100 pounds...	He or she must be secured in an <i>appropriate child restraint system</i> (child seat, booster seat or other approved device), one for which your child meets the height and weight requirements of the child restraint manufacturer. He or she MAY be secured in a booster seat with a lap/shoulder ("combination") safety belt, if you do not have a child safety seat – one equipped with an internal harness system – that accommodates your child according to manufacturer's instructions. If all available combination belts are being used to secure other passengers under age 16, your child must be seated in a <u>lap belt only</u> . DO NOT use a booster seat with only a lap belt! (<i>N.Y.S. Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 1229-c(1) and c(2).</i>) If your vehicle is not equipped with combination belts for passengers, your child must be seated in a <u>lap belt only</u> . DO NOT use a booster seat with only a lap belt! (<i>N.Y.S. Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 1229-c(1) and c(2).</i>)
4, 5, or 6 years old AND is <u>more than</u> 57 inches tall, OR weighs <u>more than</u> 100 pounds...	No booster seat is necessary; a safety belt MAY be used alone. It is <i>strongly recommended</i> that children eligible to wear safety belts be secured in a combination belt rather than a lap belt alone, and that they be secured in the vehicle's back seat until reaching age 13. (<i>N.Y.S. Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 1229-c(5).</i>)

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "Child Passengers and Air Bags," <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>.

