

# Effective July 1, 2007

## 3 New Changes to VA Child Passenger Law

1. All children under age **eight** must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat.
2. Rear-facing child safety seats must be secured in the **back** seat of a vehicle.
3. Children can **not** ride unrestrained in the rear cargo area of a vehicle.

**Violations will result in a \$50 fine**

### Does this affect me?

The law applies to anyone (i.e. parents, grandparents, babysitters, friends) who provides transportation for a child in any vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968.

### What type of safety seat should I use?

Rear-Facing  
Seat



Birth to at least 1 year  
**AND**  
At least 20 pounds

Forward-Facing  
Seat



Age 1 to about 4  
**AND**  
At least 20 pounds

Backless  
Booster Seat



About age 4 to age 8  
**AND**  
Under 4-feet 9-inches tall

High Back  
Booster Seat



### What about my older children?

All children between their 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> birthday must be properly restrained by a child restraint system or a safety belt. Violations will result in a \$50 fine.

### Remember...

Law enforcement officers **can and will** stop and ticket any driver of a vehicle where children under 16 years of age are not properly and safely secured.

For more information about the law or child passenger safety contact the Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention  
1-800-732-8333 or visit [www.vahealth.org/civp](http://www.vahealth.org/civp).