



## **Virginia Child Passenger Safety Law**

*Effective July 1, 2007*

### **46.2-1095 Code of Virginia**

- Any child **up to age eight** must be properly secured in a child restraint device approved by United States DOT when riding in a vehicle made after January 1, 1968.
- Rear-facing child restraints must be placed in the back seat. If the vehicle does not have a back seat, the child restraint may be placed in the front seat if the vehicle does not have a front passenger airbag or if the airbag has been turned off.
- Any child eight years of age but less than sixteen years of age must be properly secured in a seat belt system when riding in a vehicle made after January 1, 1968.
- The above code does not apply to taxicabs, school buses, executive sedans, or limousines.

### **46.2-1100 Code of Virginia**

- A child at least four years of age but less than eight years of age may use the vehicle seat belt system if a physician licensed to practice medicine determines the child's weight, physical fitness or medical condition prevents the use of a child restraint device. The driver must carry a written statement from the physician identifying the child and stating why the child is exempt.

***For traffic safety info: [drivesafehr.org](http://drivesafehr.org)***

## **Tips For Proper Use of Child Restraints**

### **Rear-Facing Child Restraint**



- Infants should ride rear-facing until at least one year of age AND weight 20 lbs.
- Harness straps at or below infant's shoulder.
- Harness clip at armpit level and harness is snug.

No more than one-inch side-to-side & forward back movement in seat after installed.

### **Forward Facing Child Restraints w/harness**



- Over 1 year of age AND at least 20 lbs.
- Depending on child restraint can use harnesses until 40-80lbs.
- Harness straps at or above child's shoulder.
- Harness clip at armpit level and harness is snug.

No more than one-inch side-to-side & forward back movement in seat after installed.

### **Belt Positioning Booster**



- Child must weight 35/40lbs to 100 lbs.
- Use only with shoulder & lap belt.
- Child may safely move to seat belt at 4'9" tall.