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	All Seats	Front Seat Only		
Alabama Ala.Code 1975 § 32-5B-4 § 32-5-222		X	Rear facing: < 1 yr or < 20 lbs. Forward facing: < 5 yrs or < 40 lbs. Booster seat: < 6 yrs Seat belt: < 15 yrs	
Alaska AS § 28.05.095	X		Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs Child safety restraint or seat belt, whichever appropriate: ≥ 4 yrs - < 16 yrs	
Arizona A.R.S. § 28-907 A.R.S. § 28-909				State Child Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude RVs
Arkansas A.C.A. § 27-34-104 A.C.A. § 27-37-702		X	Child safety restraint: < 6 yrs and < 60 lbs Seat belt: < 15 yrs or ≥ 60 lbs.	
California West's Ann. Cal. Vehicle Code § 27315 § 27360 § 27360.5	X		Child safety restraint, in rear seat: < 6 yrs or < 60" Child cannot ride in front seat if vehicle is equipped with an active passenger airbag and child is < 1 yr or < 20 lb and riding in a rear-facing child seat	
Colorado C.R.S.A. § 42-4-236 § 42-4-237		X	Rear facing: < 1 yr or < 20 lbs. Forward facing: ≥ 1 yr - < 4 yrs and ≥ 20 lbs - < 40 lbs Booster seat or child safety belt positioning device: ≥ 4 yrs - < 6 yrs and < 55" Seat belt: ≥ 6 yrs or ≥ 55"	
Connecticut C.G.S.A. § 14-100a Changes effective 10/01/17		X	<i>Rear facing: < 2 yrs or < 30 lbs.</i> <i>Child safety restraint (rear or forward): 2< AGE < 5 yrs or < 40 lbs.</i> <i>Child safety restraint: 5< AGE < 8 yrs - ≤ 60 lbs.</i> <i>Child safety restraint or seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs and ≥ 60 lbs</i> Child booster seat restraint must include a shoulder belt	State Child Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude motorhomes > 10,000 lbs GVWR
Delaware 21 Del.C. § 4802	X		Child safety restraint or booster seat: < 7 yrs and < 60 lbs Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs - < 16 yrs or ≥ 60 lbs	

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21 Del.C. § 4803			No child < 65" and < 12 yrs shall occupy front seat of any vehicle equipped with passenger-side airbag unless it has been deliberately rendered inoperable in conformity with federal law.	
Florida West's F.S.A. § 316.613 § 316.614		X	Child safety restraint: ≤5 yrs	Excludes living quarters of recreational vehicles. For state enforcement purposes only, the seat belt provisions "do not apply to the living quarters of a recreational vehicle."
Georgia Ga. Code Ann., § 40-8-76 § 40-8-76.1		X	Child safety restraint appropriate for child's height and weight: < 6 yrs in rear seat Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs - < 18 yrs	
Hawaii HRS § 291-11.5 HRS § 291-11.6		X	Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs Seat belt: ≥ 4 yrs - ≤ 14 yrs in front or back seat; ≥ 15 yrs - ≤ 17 yrs in rear seats; ≥ 15 yrs in front seat	
Idaho I.C. § 49-672 I.C. § 49-673	X		Child safety restraint: ≤ 6 yrs	State Child Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude motorhomes > 8,000 lbs GVWR
Illinois 625 ILCS 5/12-603.1 625 ILCS 25/4 625 ILCS 25/4b	X	X	Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs - ≤ 16 yrs If driver is < 18 yrs, all passengers ≥ 8 yrs - < 19 yrs must wear seat belt	
Indiana IC 9-13-2-123 IC 9-19-10-2			Requires front seat occupants of motorhomes to use seat belts	State Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude occupants of

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				living quarters of RVs from seat belt requirement.
Iowa I.C.A. § 321.445 I.C.A. § 321.446		X	Excludes motorhomes except when child occupies front passenger seat	
Kansas K.S.A. 8-1343a K.S.A. 8-1344 K.S.A. 8-2503		X	Child passenger restraint system: 4 - < 8 and 80 lbs or <4'9" Excludes motorhomes > 12,000 lbs GVWR Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs Seat belt: 8 yrs - < 14 yrs or > 80 lbs or >4'9"	
Kentucky KRS § 189.125	X		Child safety restraint: ≤ 40"	
Louisiana LSA-R.S. 32:295 LSA-R.S. 32:295.1		X	Child safety restraint: < 6 yrs or ≤ 60 lbs Rear facing: < 1 yr or < 20 lbs Forward facing child safety restraint: ≥ 1 yr - < 4 yrs or ≥ 20 lbs - < 40 lbs Booster seat: ≥ 4 yrs - < 6 yrs or ≥ 40 lbs - ≤ 60 lbs Seat belt: 6 yrs - <13 yrs or > 60 lbs	
Maine 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2081	X		Rear seat: 12 yrs < and < 100 lbs Child restraint system 40 lbs - < 80 lbs and < 8 yrs Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs - < 18 yrs and > 4'9"	
Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 22-412.2 § 22-412.3		X	Seat belt: < 16 yrs if < 16 yrs may not occupy front seat without a seat belt Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs or > 4'9" or > 65 lbs	
Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 90 § 7AA M.G.L.A. 90 § 13A	X		Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs Seat belt: < 8 yrs and > 5'7" or < 13	
Michigan M.C.L.A. 257.710d M.C.L.A. 257.710e		X	Child restraint system: 4 yrs < 8 yrs and < 4'9" Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs Seat belt: ≥ 4 yrs - < 16 yrs	
Minnesota		X	Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs	

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M.S.A. § 169.685 M.S.A. § 169.686			Seat belt: \geq 4 yrs - < 11 yrs	
Mississippi Miss. Code Ann. § 63-2-1 § 63-7-301		X	Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs Seat belt: \geq 4 yrs - < 8 yrs <i>Every passenger not required to use a child restraint system must wear a properly fastened seatbelt. Effective July 1, 2017.</i>	
Missouri V.A.M.S. 307.178 V.A.M.S. 307.179		X	Booster seat: 4 yrs < 8 yrs and > 40 lbs. < 80 lbs and < 4'9" Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs or 40 lbs Seat belt: < 16 yrs	
Montana MCA 61-9-420 MCA 61-13-103	X		Child safety restraint: < 6 yrs and < 60 lbs	
Nebraska Neb.Rev.St. § 60-6,267 § 60-6, 270		X	Child safety restraint: < 6 Seat belt: \geq 6 - < 18	
Nevada N.R.S. 484B.474 N.R.S. 484D.641		X	Child safety restraint: < 6 yrs and < 60 lbs. Seat belt: \geq 6 yrs or \geq 60 lbs; < 6 but > 60 ; \geq 6 yrs and < 18 yrs	State Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude motorhomes > 10,000 lbs unladen weight
New Hampshire N.H. Rev. Stat. § 265:107-a			Child safety restraint: < 7 yrs or 57" \leq Seat belt: < 18 yrs	
New Jersey N.J.S.A. 39:3-76.2f		X	Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs and < 57" Seat belt: 8 yrs > AGE < 18 yrs	

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New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-7-369 § 66-7-372	X		Child safety restraint: ≥ 1 yr - ≤ 4 yrs regardless of weight, 40 lbs regardless of age. Rear facing: < 1 yr Booster seat or appropriate child safety restraint: ≥ 5 yrs – ≤ 6 yrs regardless of weight or < 60 lbs regardless of age. Child restraint or seat belt: ≥ 7 yrs - < 18 yrs	State Child Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude motorhomes > 10,000 lbs GVWR
New York McKinney's Vehicle and Traffic § 71 1229-c		X	<u>Back seat:</u> < 4 yrs and < 40 lbs - child restraint safety seat consistent with FMVSS 213; < 4 yrs and > 40 lbs child restraint used with shoulder and lap belts, or lap belt if no shoulder belt available. 4 yrs - < 7 yrs – child restraint used with lap and shoulder belts or lap belt if no shoulder belt available 7 yrs – 16 yrs – safety belt approved by commissioner <u>Front seat:</u> < 16 yrs must use safety bell < 4 yrs must use child restraint (FMVSS 213) < 4 yrs and > 40 lbs – child restraint (FMVSS 213) + lap and shoulder belts if available, or lap belt 4 yrs - < 7 yrs use child restraint with lab and shoulder belts or lap only if no shoulder belt available All front seat passengers \leq must use safety belt approved by commissioner	
North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-135.2A § 20-137.1		X		State Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude other than driver and front seat passengers of a motorhome.
North Dakota NDCC, 39-21-41.2		X	Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs Seat belt: < 8 yrs and > 57 " and > 80 lbs; > 8 yrs - > 17 yrs; child > 40 lbs	

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NDCC, 39-21-41.4				
Ohio R.C. § 4511.81 R.C. § 4513.263		X	Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs, < 40 lbs	
Oklahoma 47 Okl.St. Ann. § 11-1112 § 12-417			Rear facing child safety system: <2 yrs. Child safety restraint: <4 yrs. Child restraint system or booster seat: 4< - <8 and <4'9" Seat belt: > 4'9" and > 8 yrs	State Passenger Restraint System Laws exclude recreation vehicles
Oregon O.R.S. § 811.210			Rear facing child safety system: < 1 yr or < 20# Child safety restraint: < 40 # Booster seat: > 40 # and < 4'9" Seat belt: > 4'9" and > 8 yrs - < 16 yrs	
Pennsylvania 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 4581		X	Child safety restraint: < 4 yrs Booster seat: ≥ 4 yrs - < 8 yrs Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs - < 18 yrs	
Rhode Island Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-22-22	X		Child safety restraint: < 7 yrs, < 54" and < 80 lbs in rear seat Seat belt: ≥ 7 yrs - < 18 yrs; ≤ 7 yrs, ≥ 54" or ≥ 80 # in rear seat	
South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-5-6410 § 56-5-6420	X		Front seat/Seat belt: < 17 yrs Rear facing: < 1 yr or < 20 lbs Forward facing: ≥ 1 yr - < 6 yrs and ≥ 20 lbs - < 40 lbs Booster seat: ≥ 1 yr - < 6 yrs and ≥ 40 lbs - ≤ 80 lbs Seat belt: ≥ 1 yr - < 6 yrs and > 80 lbs Child < 6 yrs cannot occupy front seat	
South Dakota SDCL § 32-37-1 SDCL § 32-37-1.1 SDCL § 32-38-1		X	Child safety restraint: < 5 yrs Safety belt: < 5 yrs and ≥ 40 lbs; ≥ 5 yrs - < 18 yrs in front seat Safety belt: > 14 yrs - < 18 yrs	
Tennessee T. C. A. § 55-9-602		X	Rear facing: < 1 yr, ≤ 20 lbs Forward facing: ≥ 1 yr - ≤ 3 yrs and > 20 lbs Booster Seat belt: ≥ 4 yrs - ≤ 8 yrs and < 4'9"	State Passenger Restraint System Laws

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§ 55-9-603			Seat Belt: ≥ 9 yrs - ≤ 18 yrs	exclude motorhomes > 8,500 lbs GVWR
Texas V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 545.412 Code § 545.413		X	Child safety restraint: < 5 yrs and < 36" Seat Belt: <17 yrs	
Utah U.C.A. 1953 § 41-6a-1803	X		Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs Seat belt or appropriate child restraint: ≥ 8 yrs - ≤ 16 yrs Seat belt or appropriate child restraint: > 8 yrs - < 16 yrs; < 8 yrs and > 5'7" and > 16 yrs	
Vermont 23 V.S.A. § 1258 23 V.S.A. § 1259	X		Rear facing: < 1 yr or < 20 lbs in rear seat Child safety restraint: ≥ 20 lbs and ≥ 1 yr - < 8 yrs Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs - ≤ 15 yrs	
Virginia Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1094 § 46.2-1095		X	Child safety restraint: ≤ 8 yrs Seat belt: ≤ 16 yrs	
Washington West's RCWA 46.61.687 46.61.688	X		Child safety restraint: ≤ 8 yrs unless $\geq 4'9"$ Seat belt or appropriate child restraint: ≥ 8 yrs or $\geq 4'9"$; <16 yrs Child < 13 yrs must be in back seat	
West Virginia W. Va. Code, § 17C-15-46 § 17C-15-49		X	Child safety restraint: < 8 yrs Seat belt: < 18 yrs in rear seat; < 8 yrs and $\geq 4'9"$	
Wisconsin W.S.A. 347.48	X		Rear facing: < 1 yr or < 20 lbs in rear seat Forward facing: ≥ 1 yr and ≥ 20 lbs but < 4 yrs or < 40 lbs in rear seat Booster Seat: ≥ 4 yrs but < 8 yrs, and ≥ 40 lbs but ≤ 80 lbs and $\leq 57"$ Seat belt: ≥ 8 yrs in front seat	
Wyoming W.S.1977 § 31-5-1303	X		Child safety restraint: < 9 yrs in rear seat Seat belt: < 12 yrs	

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§ 31-5-1302				
District of Columbia DC ST § 50-1703 DC ST § 50-1702	X		Child safety restraint: < 3 yrs Booster seat or appropriate child safety restraint: < 8 yrs Seat belt or appropriate child safety restraint: < 16 yrs	

* NHTSA requires motorhomes over 10,000 lbs. GVWR to have lap belts. If a 3-point belt is installed voluntarily, it must meet requirements for 3-point belts Federal law requires child restraint anchorages on vehicles with a GVWR of 8,500 lbs. or less. For further information see FMVSS 225. For purposes of this survey, seat belt system is defined as a system utilizing a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or any other belt or combination of belts installed in a motor vehicle to restrain drivers and passengers, which conforms to federal motor vehicle safety standards. For purposes of this survey, a child restraint system is defined as a device manufactured to transport children in a motor vehicle, intended to be used to restrain, seat or position a child in a motor vehicle and conforms to all applicable FMVSS.

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