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## MINNESOTA'S SEAT BELT AND BOOSTER SEAT LAWS

### Primary Seat Belt Law • Booster Seat Law

Drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or in the correct child restraint.

Law enforcement can stop motorists directly for seat belt violations.

Under Minnesota's booster seat law, a child cannot use a seat belt alone until they are age 8 or reach 4 feet 9 inches tall — whichever comes first. It is recommended to keep a child in a booster based on their height, rather than their age.

Boosters are seat lifts that help raise a child up so a seat belt fits properly.

Kids that are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches aren't ready to use a seat belt alone. Poor belt fit can contribute to death or serious injury. A sign a belt does not fit properly is if it rubs against a child's neck, or the child tucks the belt behind their back.

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