




## Maine's Child Safety Seat Law

(Effective January 1, 2003)

 A child who weighs less than 40 pounds **AND** who is less than 4 years of age must ride in a Child Safety Seat.  
(Infant, Convertible or Combination Seat)

 A child who weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds **AND** who is less than 8 years of age must ride in a federally approved child restraint system.  
(Booster Seat, EZ-On Harness/Vest)

 A child who is less than 12 years of age **AND** who weighs less than 100 pounds must be properly secured in the back seat of the vehicle, if possible.

The penalty for violation of this law is \$60.00 plus court costs.

### FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY:

- Children must ride rear-facing until 1 year of age **AND** weigh at least 20 pounds.
- **NEVER** place a rear-facing child safety seat in front of an airbag.
- Not every child fits in every seat and not every seat fits in every vehicle.
- Read the vehicle owner's manual for help on proper installation of the child safety seat or restraint system.
- An approved safety seat or restraint system will be labeled: "The child restraint system conforms to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards".
- Failure to follow proper installation instructions could result in equipment failure and/or injury.
- Always register your child safety seat with the manufacturer.

Maine has 41 Child Safety Seat sites to help low-income families get the proper safety seat or restraint system. For more information, contact 1-800-698-3624.

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8 to 12 Years of age										Orange	Orange
7 Years of Age			Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
6 Years of Age			Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
5 Years of Age			Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
4 Years of Age			Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
3 Years of Age		Red	Red								
2 Years of Age		Red	Red								
1 Year of Age		Red	Red								
Birth to Age 1	Blue	Blue									
	0-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-100			

**Weight in Pounds**

Blue represents Rear-facing Infant Seat  
 Red represents Forward-facing Seat  
 Green represents Booster Seat/Harness System  
 Orange represents Safety Seat Belts

If you have any questions about the chart please call 1-800-698-3624.

## Maine's Safety Belt Law



Maine law requires ALL vehicle occupants at least 8 years of age to be secured in a federally-approved **safety seat belt**.



A child who is less than 12 years of age **AND** weighs less than 100 pounds must be secured in the back seat, if possible.



Vehicle for hire drivers are not responsible for securing the safety seat belt of their passengers.



A person who is less than 18 years of age **AND** at least 8 years of age or who is less than 18 years of age **AND** more than 4 feet 7 inches in height must be properly secured in a safety seat belt.



The following are exempt from wearing a safety seat belt:

- Persons with a medical condition, certified in writing by a physician.
- Rural postal carriers in the process of delivering mail.

The penalty for violation of this law is \$60.00 plus court costs.

### Questions about Occupant Protection?

Department of Human Services 1-800-698-3624

TDD/TTY 207-287-8015

Department of Public Safety 207-624-8756

Questions about child restraint recalls?

Auto Safety Hotline: 1-800-424-9393

John Elias Baldacci  
 Governor



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