

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 8th and 16th 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.