

WYOMING CHILD RESTRAINT GUIDE

KEY POINTS:

Child who has not reached his/her ninth birthday.

- * Applies to all drivers.
- * Applies to privately owned, leased or rented non-commercial passenger vehicles.
- * Child must be secured in vehicle seat other than front seat except in vehicles with one row of seats, or if all safety belts are in use by other child passengers.
- * Child in rear-facing infant seat shall not be placed in front of an active airbag.
- * Child must be properly secured in restraint and it must be properly installed, **both** as per manufacturer's instructions.
- * Restraint must conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 for child restraint systems.
- * Applies to residents and non-residents.
- * **Primary Offense.** Non-use or misuse are reasonable suspicion for stopping a vehicle to investigate a suspected violation.

PENALTY:

- * Maximum \$50.00 fine for first offense. Fine shall be waived by the court upon receipt of proof of purchase, lease, or other acquisition of an approved restraint after the offense occurred.
- * Maximum \$100.00 fine for second and subsequent offenses.

EXEMPTIONS:

- * Child within age requirement if the lap and shoulder belt fit properly across the collarbone, chest and hips of child and does not pose danger to neck, face or abdominal area in crash or sudden stop.
- * Physician's signed statement, carried in the car, certifying that the child should not be secured in a child restraint system.
- * Vehicles that were not equipped with safety belts at time of manufacture. (Passenger vehicles **before** MY1967/Vans & trucks **before** MY1972).
- * Emergency, and law enforcement vehicles.
- * School buses including private or church, used to transport children as well as buses or other vehicles used for public transportation manufactured without seat belts.
- * The driver is rendering aid or assistance to the child, parent, or guardian. **(Effective 2-17-2005)**

Who can help in your area?

Call for local Safe Kids Coalition/Partner numbers or check out the web at <http://www.safekidswyoming.org>
Safe Kids Wyoming 800-994-GROW(4769)

HINTS FOR BOOSTER SEAT USE

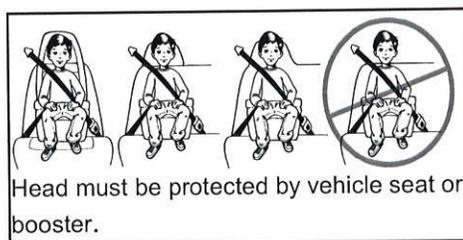
Look at **weight** and **height** limits of the belt-positioning booster which provides protection for child over 40 pounds. **Review individual instructions for booster.**

For most, look at **vehicle seat**:

- if head rest available, use low back belt-positioning booster and adjust head rest to middle of child's head behind the ears.

-if no head rest on vehicle seat, use high back belt positioning booster to provide head protection.

Look at vehicle **seat belt**, if lap and shoulder belt available, then use booster seat **but** if lap belt only available, other options **must** be considered.



TO FIT A SEAT BELT A CHILD MUST:

Keep back and buttocks against vehicle seat back.

Keep the shoulder belt on the shoulder resting snugly over the chest and lap belt low across the hip/upper thigh.
Keep knees completely bent over the edge of the vehicle seat.

Keep feet flat on the floor, and able to stay comfortably seated this way for the entire trip.



Proper fit of safety belt

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