

Michigan's Seat Belt Law

Age	Requirements	Section
16 and older	Seat belt use required for all front seat occupants.	MCL 257.710e
8 – 15	Seat belt use required in all seating positions.	MCL 257.710e
4 - 7	<p>Less than 4 feet 9 inches in height: "...shall be properly secured in a child restraint system in accordance with the child restraint manufacturer's and vehicle manufacturer's instructions and standards prescribed in 49 CFR 571.213."</p> <p>4 feet 9 inches in height or greater: Seat belt use required in all seating positions.</p>	MCL 257.710e
Less than 4	<p>Child shall be properly secured in a child restraint system that meets the standards prescribed in 49 CFR 571.213.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be located in a rear seat if the vehicle has rear seats. - If all rear seats are occupied by children less than 4 years of age, then child may be positioned in a child restraint system in the front seat. - "A child in a rear-facing child restraint system may be placed in the front seat only if the front passenger airbag is deactivated." 	MCL 257.710d

Exceptions: "If there are more passengers than safety belts available for use, and all safety belts are being utilized in compliance with (MCL 257.710e) the operator of the motor vehicle is in compliance with (MCL 257.710e)."

"...the operator of a motor vehicle transporting a child 8 years of age or older but less than 16 years of age for which there is not an available safety belt is in compliance with (MCL 257.710e(5)) if that child is seated in other than the front seat of the motor vehicle."

Penalty: Fines, civil infraction, no points.