



# Seat Belt Laws<sup>1</sup>

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\* Title 49, Section 392.16 of the Code of Federal Regulations states: “A commercial motor vehicle that has a seat belt assembly installed at the driver’s seat shall not be driven unless the driver has properly restrained himself/herself with the seat belt assembly.”

State	Primary Enforcement	Secondary Enforcement
Alabama	Yes (F)	
Alaska	Yes (A)	
Arizona		Yes (F)
Arkansas	Yes (F) eff. 06/30/09	
California	Yes (A)	
Colorado		Yes (F)
Connecticut	Yes (F)	
Delaware	Yes (A)	
District of Columbia	Yes (A)	
Florida	Yes (F) eff. 06/30/09	
Georgia	Yes (F)	
Hawaii	Yes (F)	
Idaho		Yes (A)
Illinois	Yes (F)	
Indiana	Yes (A)	
Iowa	Yes (F)	
Kansas		Yes (F)
Kentucky	Yes (A)	
Louisiana	Yes (F)	
Maine	Yes (A)	
Maryland	Yes (F)	
Massachusetts		Yes (A)
Michigan	Yes (F)	
Minnesota	Yes (A) eff. 07/09/09	
Mississippi	Yes (F)	
Missouri		Yes (F)
Montana		Yes (A)
Nebraska		Yes (F)
Nevada		Yes (A)
New Hampshire		
New Jersey	Yes (F)	
New Mexico	Yes (A)	
New York	Yes (F)	
North Carolina	Yes (F)	Yes (R)
North Dakota		Yes (F)
Ohio		Yes (F)
Oklahoma	Yes (F)	
Oregon	Yes (A)	

<sup>1</sup> This chart only applies to drivers and passengers over the age of 18. Passengers under the age of 18 may have additional enforcement laws that can differ from state to state.

*(F) – Front Seat Passenger Enforcement*  
*(A) – All Passenger Enforcement*

*(R) – Rear Passenger Enforcement*

Pennsylvania		Yes (F)
Rhode Island		Yes (A)
South Carolina	Yes (A)	
South Dakota		Yes (F)
Tennessee	Yes (F)	
Texas	Yes (F)	
Utah	Yes (A)	
Vermont		Yes (A)
Virginia		Yes (F)
Washington	Yes (A)	
West Virginia		Yes (A)
Wisconsin	Yes (A) eff. 06/30/09	
Wyoming		Yes (A)

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