Florida Occupant Protection Coalition

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Florida Child Restraint Law Summary for Law Enforcement Use Only

A child 5 years of age or younger must be properly restrained in a federally approved, crash tested, child restraint device – FSS 316.613(1)(a)

A child 3 years of age or under **must** be restrained in a separate carrier, or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat - FSS 316.613(1)(a)1.

For children aged 4 through 5 years, a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used - FSS 316.613(1)(a)2.

Children aged 6 to 18 must be properly belted at all times regardless of location within the vehicle - FSS 316.614(5)

Children that are not big enough to fit in a seat belt properly may be properly belted in a booster seat

Exception: For children aged 4 through 5 years from use of child restraint device

- Child aged 4 through 5 years is wearing a safety belt and
- Being transported gratuitously by an operator who is not a member of the child's immediate family or
- Is being transported in a medical emergency situation involving the child or
- Has a medical condition that necessitates an exception as evidenced by appropriate documentation from a health care professional

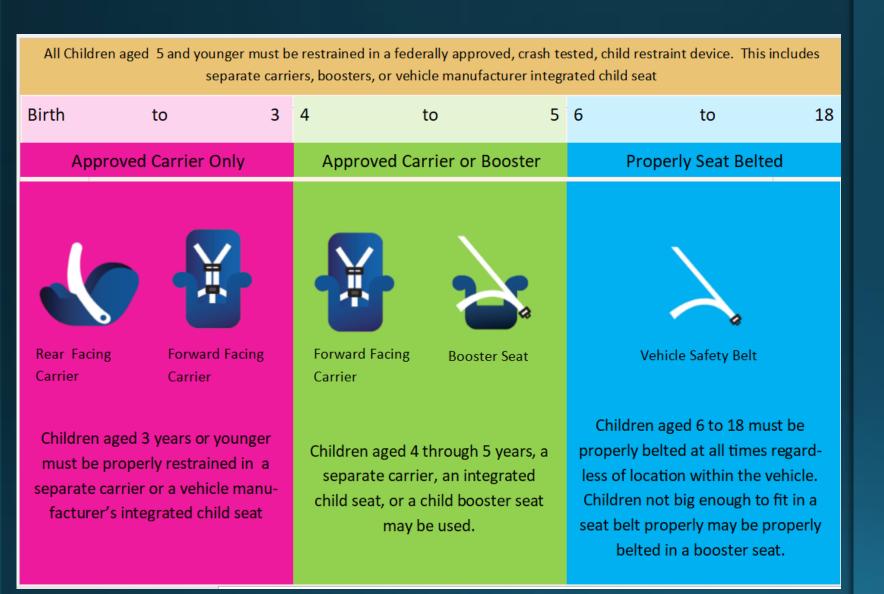






LE Instruction Card

- This card is designed to be a handy reference for Law Enforcement Officers
- The front or summary page gives a summary of Florida's child restraint law
- The colors and overall look of the card were borrowed from NHTSA and Indiana's Safety Program



LE Instruction Card

- The graphic side of this card is designed to give Law Enforcement Officers quick visual prompts of the various restraint devices
- This will aid Officers in having an understanding of proper restraint choices for appropriate age children

Law Enforcement Occupant Protection Survey Does your agency have a policy regarding use of seat belts while on duty? Yes No Not Sure Please answer the following questions about the use of a safety belt: Most of the Some of the All of the time Never time Do you wear a safety belt on duty? 0 0 Do you wear a safety belt off duty? 0 0 0 How do you feel use of a seat belt on duty, affects your Officer Safety? Increases Officer Safety Does not Increase or Decrease Officer Safety Decreases What is your normal response to seat belt violations? Issue Citation Issue warning (verbal or written) Do not enforce What is your knowledge of the enforcement options in the following areas? Less than Strong knowledge knowledge - May Average average - No need to knowledge need to consult consult Statute Need to consult Statute Safety Belt Enforcment 0 0 0

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Child Restraint Enforcment

Safety Belt and Child Restraint Enforcement

LE Survey

- Law Enforcement survey on Safety Belt usage, enforcement, and knowledge
- Will be posted at <u>www.floridalel.info</u>
- The LEL Program will distribute the link to their website to all law enforcement agencies in the State
- https://floridalel.formsdb.com/view.php?id=12464

Would you find a training video or self-guided PowerPoint presentation on Safety Belt and Child Restraint Enforcement helpful, if one was available? Yes			
○ No			
Not sure			
Did you know?	Yes	No	Not sure
Florida Safety Belt usage was over 90% in 2017	0	0	0
Nearly half of all traffic fatalities are unbelted vehicle occupants	0	0	0
20% of all officers killed in 2016 were in vehicle crashes	0	0	0
Airbags are designed to work with safety belts and not to replace them	0	0	0
Wearing a safety belt correctly while riding in the front seat of a car, reduces your chances of a fatal injury by 45%	0	0	0
Child restraint use drops by 40% when parents ride without their saefty belts	0	0	0

Submit

LE Survey

- Questions on Officer knowledge are two fold
 - Gauge of Officer knowledge
 - Provides them with facts we want them to think about

LE Training Video

- IPTM/UNF has facilities for video production and several of our LELs have already received training on it's use
- Will be seeking ideas for one or more short videos to enhance Law Enforcement knowledge with respect to Child Restraint use
- Example We could do a short video to display the various child restraint devices and explain how/when they are to be used

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