

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

All Children aged 5 and younger must be restrained in a federally approved, crash tested, child restraint device. This includes separate carriers, boosters, or vehicle manufacturer integrated child seat

Birth to 3 4 to 5 6 to 18

Approved Carrier Only

Approved Carrier or Booster

Properly Seat Belted



Rear Facing Carrier

Forward Facing Carrier



Forward Facing Carrier



Booster Seat



Vehicle Safety Belt

Children aged 3 years or younger must be properly restrained in a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat

Children aged 4 through 5 years, a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used.

Children aged 6 to 18 must be properly belted at all times regardless of location within the vehicle. Children not big enough to fit in a seat belt properly may be properly belted in a booster seat.

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:

	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never
Do you wear a safety belt on duty?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you wear a safety belt off duty?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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?

	Strong knowledge - No need to consult Statute	Average knowledge - May need to consult Statute	Less than average knowledge - Need to consult Statute
Safety Belt Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Restraint Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety Belt and Child Restraint Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

LE Survey

- Law Enforcement survey on Safety Belt usage, enforcement, and knowledge
- Will be posted at www.floridalel.info
- The LEL Program will distribute the link to their website to all law enforcement agencies in the State
- <https://floridalel.forms-db.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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nearly half of all traffic fatalities are unbelted vehicle occupants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20% of all officers killed in 2016 were in vehicle crashes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Airbags are designed to work with safety belts and not to replace them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wearing a safety belt correctly while riding in the front seat of a car, reduces your chances of a fatal injury by 45%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child restraint use drops by 40% when parents ride without their saefty belts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Law Enforcement Committee

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- Anybody else I have missed