

GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING

Permit Phase – Drivers Age 15:

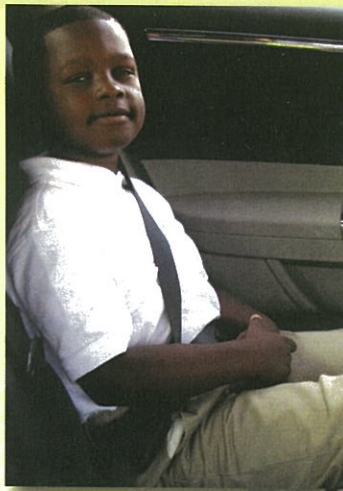
- Must have parent's consent to obtain permit.
- Must be enrolled in approved driver education course, pass vision and knowledge test.
- All occupants must wear a seat belt.
- Permit must be held for a minimum of 9 months.
- Permit is valid for 24 months.

Initial Licensing Phase – Drivers Age 16-17:

- For the first year or until the driver is 18, whichever occurs first, the number of passengers is limited to one person under the age of 20, unless the additional passenger(s) is a sibling, step-sibling, child or step-child of the driver.
- After this period, the number of passengers is limited to one in the front seat and the number of seat belts in the back seat.
- License restrictions apply:
Sunday - Thursday 10 pm - 6 am and
Friday - Saturday 11 pm - 6 am.
(Local curfews may differ.)
- Parent's or guardian's consent required to obtain license; must verify that 50 hours of practice have been completed, at least 10 hours of which have been at night.
- Cell phone use is prohibited except in the case of emergency.

Full Licensing Phase – Drivers Age 18-20:

- No age related restrictions.



For more information about seat belts, child passenger safety and other traffic safety issues, visit:

Illinois Department of Transportation
www.buckleupillinois.org

**National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration**
www.safercar.gov



State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Transportation

A Parent's Guide to Using Seat Belts



WHEN DO YOU USE A SEAT BELT?

Everyone over 8 years of age, weighing more than 80 pounds, and taller than 4 feet 9 inches must wear a seat belt when in a car, truck or van. People who do not wear their seat belts are 4 times more likely to be thrown out of a vehicle in a crash.



REAR-FACING SEATS

In the back seat from birth to age 2, or until the child reaches the car seat's height or weight limit.



FORWARD-FACING SEATS

In the back seat once the child has outgrown rear-facing height or weight limit, until about age 4.



BOOSTER SEATS

In the back seat from about age 4 to **at least** age 8.



SEAT BELTS

In the back seat once the child has reached 4'9" and is at least 8 years old.

All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat.



SEAT BELT USE



LAP-ONLY SEAT BELT

This type of seat belt has two anchor points and should fit over the lap (thighs and hips). The sole function of the lap-only seat belt is to hold the passenger in the vehicle. It is the least desirable type of seat belt because it does not provide any upper body protection. A lap-only seat belt does work well to install some car seats. Contact your vehicle manufacturer to find out if the lap-only seat belt can be retrofitted with a combination lap and shoulder seat belt. Vehicle positions with lap-only seat belts often do not provide enough head support to prevent injuries in a crash. Ideally, everyone in the vehicle should have some type of upper body protection and head support.

COMBINATION LAP AND SHOULDER SEAT BELT

This type of seat belt has three anchor points and should contact the body over one shoulder and fit over the lap (thighs and hips).

The shoulder part of the seat belt gives protection to the upper body, keeping the head, neck and spinal cord protected.

This type of seat belt is safer than a lap-only seat belt.



Seat belts are required in all seating positions in all cars, light trucks and vans.

Safety Tip

The seat belt should never be placed behind an occupant's back or under their arm. If this is done, the occupant could be seriously injured or killed in a crash.



Illinois Law requires that all children under the age of 8 be properly restrained in an appropriate car seat. All passengers must wear a seat belt, no matter where they are seated. Everyone needs to be restrained correctly whenever they ride in a motor vehicle.

Every Trip, Every Time.