

## WARNING NOTICE

# OBEY THE LAW

## The Right Seat Matters



■ **DRIVER:** You failed to ensure that a child in your car was properly restrained.

### THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW

You could be subject to

**3 POINTS ON LICENSE AND A FINE OF \$25-100 FOR EACH CHILD WHO IS IMPROPERLY RESTRAINED.**

■ **DRIVER/PASSENGER:** You failed to use your seat belt.

### THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW

You could be subject to

**UP TO A \$50 FINE**

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## Key Points from NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law

### **Child Passenger Safety**

- Children under the age of eight must be in a federally-approved child restraint system.
- A vehicle's seat belts are not defined as child restraint systems under the law, as they are not designed for children.
- Depending on a child's size, the restraint system may be an infant-only, convertible, combination, all-in-one, or booster seat used with a lap and shoulder belt.
- All children must use a rear-facing car seat until they are two years old or reach the highest weight or height limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer. For babies that outgrow their infant-only car seat, it is recommended that a convertible or all-in-one seat be used in the rear-facing position until they outgrow the highest weight or height limit for the rear-facing position.
- Children over the age of two who have outgrown the highest weight or height limit for the rear-facing position must remain in an appropriate child restraint system that meets the recommendations of the seat's manufacturer until their eighth birthday.
- If the child is eight years old and is under 4'9" tall or weighs less than 100 pounds, continued use of a child restraint system is recommended.

### **Seat Belt Use for Drivers and Passengers**

- All drivers and passengers eight years of age or older must be properly restrained by a seat belt.
- The driver must make sure that each passenger under the age of sixteen years old is properly restrained by a seat belt or appropriate child restraint system.

For more information about seat belts and car seats, visit [www.health.ny.gov/prevention/injury\\_prevention/cars.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/injury_prevention/cars.htm).

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