

Dear KY parent,

Kentucky's new booster seat law has been in effect since last year but until now most law enforcement agencies have only issued warnings to offenders. Full enforcement with citations will begin July 1, 2009, and the Kentucky State Booster Seat Coalition wants to educate the public about this law.

Kentucky's law requires children between 40 and 50 inches tall and who are younger than 7 to be properly restrained in a child booster seat. The fine will be \$30, but a first offense can be waived if the offender shows evidence of purchasing a booster seat.

For optimal protection, children should remain in a booster seat until the seat belt fits them correctly, or approximately 4'9" tall and about 8 or 9 years of age. A high backed or backless booster may be used, but with a lap AND shoulder belt together.

For more information about booster seats, call Therese Moseley, KY Booster Coalition Chairperson at 859-260-6058, or Sherri Hannan, Fayette County Safe Kids Coordinator at 859-323-1153, or Sharon Rengers, Kosair Children's Hospital, at 502-629-7337.

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for KY children. Failure to use this simple \$20 seat could mean death or a lifetime of disability for a young child. The Safe Kids Coalition seeks to prevent much human grief and tragedy by getting everyone on our roads buckled safely.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Therese Moseley, RN, MSN
KY Booster Coalition Chairperson
Safe Kids Fayette County
Central Baptist Hospital

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Legislation for a new booster seat law went into effect July 15, 2008. Parents in Kentucky are now required to take new measures to protect their children in the car.

If your child is under seven years old and between forty and fifty inches tall he/she will have to ride in a booster seat. *For optimum protection children should ride in a booster until they are 57 inches.* A booster raises the child up so the lap/shoulder belt fits correctly. If you only have lap belts in your car **DO NOT** use a booster seat.

On July 15th, law enforcement began issuing courtesy warnings to those who did not have their children in booster seats. These warnings will continue through June 30, 2009. After that date, violators will be required to pay a fine of \$30.

Any person who has not previously been charged with a booster seat violation can have the charged dismissed by providing proof that they have acquired a booster seat for that child.

KENTUCKY'S CHILD SAFETY SEAT REQUIREMENTS

- Any child 40 inches in height or less must ride properly restrained in a federally approved child restraint.
- Every child between 40-50 inches tall and less than 7 years of age must be in a booster seat with a lap/shoulder belt. (*If you do not have lap/shoulder belts in your vehicle DO NOT use a booster.*)
- Everyone over age seven must be using the vehicle seat belt.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
KOSAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
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Kentucky's New Booster Seat Law



The type of seat your child needs depends on the vehicle they ride in. They need to have head and neck protection either by the vehicle head restraint (headrest) or the top of the booster



Effective July 2008

INFORMACIÓN PARA LOS PADRES

La ley que obliga a colocar un nuevo asiento elevado entró en vigencia el 15 de julio de 2008. Se les exige a todos los padres en Kentucky que adopten las nuevas medidas para proteger a sus hijos dentro de los automóviles.

Si su hijo es menor de siete años y mide entre cuarenta y cincuenta pulgadas, deberá viajar en un asiento elevado. *Para recibir una máxima protección, los niños deben viajar en un asiento elevado hasta alcanzar las 57 pulgadas.* Este asiento eleva al niño para que el cinturón de regazo y hombro se adapte correctamente. Si sólo tiene cinturones de regazo en su automóvil, **NO** utilice un asiento elevado.

El 15 de julio, a fin de cumplir con la ley, se empezaron a comunicar advertencias leves a aquellos que no colocaban a sus niños en asientos elevados. Estas advertencias continuarán hasta el 30 de junio de 2009. Luego de esa fecha, los infractores deberán pagar una multa de \$30.

Aquellas personas que no hayan sido multadas anteriormente por cometer esta infracción pueden invalidar la multa si brindan pruebas de que han comprado un asiento elevado para su hijo.

REQUISITOS PARA EL ASIENTO DE SEGURIDAD DE LOS NIÑOS DE KENTUCKY

- Aquellos niños que midan 40 pulgadas o menos deben viajar sujetos adecuadamente a un dispositivo de seguridad para niños, aprobado a nivel federal.
- Todo niño que mida entre 40 y 50 pulgadas y sea menor de 7 años debe viajar en un asiento elevado con un cinturón de regazo y hombro. *(Si no tiene cinturones de regazo y hombro en su vehículo NO utilice el asiento elevado.)*
- Los niños mayores de siete años deben utilizar los cinturones de seguridad del vehículo.

PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN,
COMUNÍQUESE CON EL HOSPITAL DE
NIÑOS DE KOSAIR
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Liderada por Kosair Children's Hospital

Nueva ley de asiento elevado de Kentucky



El tipo de asiento que su hijo necesita depende del vehículo en el que viaje. Necesitan proteger la cabeza y el cuello, ya sea con el dispositivo de seguridad para la cabeza que tiene el vehículo (reposacabezas) o con la parte superior del asiento.



En vigencia desde julio de 2008