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## Michigan's Safety Belt and Child Restraint Laws

### RESTRAINT USE REQUIREMENTS

Age	Restraint	Section
0 – 3 years	All passengers shall be properly secured in approved Child Restraint System	257.710d Driver responsible
4 – 15 years	All passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt	257.710e Driver responsible
16 years and older	Driver and front seat passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt	257.710e Violating occupant responsible

### CHILD RESTRAINT EXEMPTIONS (less than 4 years)

710d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passenger in a bus, school bus, taxicab, moped, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts</li> <li>• Child being nursed</li> <li>• Child qualifying for a Secretary of State rule exemption due to size, medical problem, or physical unfitness</li> </ul>
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### SAFETY BELT EXEMPTIONS

710e	<p><u>Driver or passenger:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a motor vehicle manufactured before January 1, 1965</li> <li>• In a bus, motorcycle, moped</li> <li>• Who has a written verification from a physician for physical or medical reasons</li> <li>• Motor vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts under federal law</li> <li>• Commercial or US postal service vehicle that makes frequent stops</li> <li>• Rural postal carrier while serving route</li> </ul> <p><u>Passengers only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School bus passengers (driver must be belted)</li> <li>• Children 4 years or older but less than 16 in <u>rear</u> seats if all available belts are used and driver and all front seat passengers are properly belted</li> <li>• Children 4 years or older but less than 16 in <u>front</u> seat of a pickup without an extended cab or jump seats, if all available belts are used</li> </ul>
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