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Bicycle Helmet Laws

If you are under 16 years old, you must wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet that meets national standards. This also applies to child passengers riding in a trailer or semitrailer attached to the bicycle.

You risk a **fine of \$15** if you do not wear a helmet while riding a bicycle in Florida.

Florida Child Car Seat Laws

It is the responsibility of the supervising adult to ensure that any child **under 7 years old** is seated in a federally-approved child car seat. Failure to do so could result in a **\$60 fine and 3 points** against your driver's license.

Florida law states:

- Children 7 years old or younger must be secured in a federally approved child restraint system.
- Children 3 years old and younger must use a separate car-seat or the vehicle's built-in child seat.
- Children 4 to 7 years old and less than 4 ft 9 inches tall, must sit in either a separate car seat or a built in child seat.

Use the following car seat guidelines from the FLHSMV while driving with a child in your vehicle.

- **Birth – 1 year old and at least 20 lbs.**
 - Use a rear-facing child car seat in the back seat of the car.
- **1 year old and 20 lbs. – 4 years old and 40 lbs.**
 - Use a rear-facing child car seat in the back seat until they outgrow the weight and height limit of the child car seat.
 - Normally when children are over 1 year old and weigh over 20 pounds, you can switch to a forward-facing car seat in the back of the car.
- **4 years old and 40 lbs. – 8 years old or 4'9" tall**
 - Use a forward-facing child seat in the back seat until they reach the weight and height limits recommended by the manufacturer.
 - Switch to a booster seat in the back of the car.
- **8 years old or 4'9" tall –12 years old**
 - Use a booster seat in the back seat until your child is big enough to use the car's seat belt.
 - At 13 years old, your child can sit in the front seat of your car.

Never put your child in a child car seat in the front of a vehicle with a passenger air bag. It is always safest for your child to ride in the back seat.