

	< 1 y.o. OR 20 lbs or less	1-3 y.o. weighing >20lbs	4-8 y.o. AND < 4' 9"ft tall	9-12 y.o.	13-15 y.o.	16-17 y.o.	Adult (18 and up)
Legal seating position	Rear seat, if available	Rear seat, if available	Rear seat, if available	Rear recommended, but not required	Any seat	Any seat	Any seat
Required restraint	Rear-facing child seat	Forward-facing child seat.	Booster seat - if child is over 4ft 9in tall, then no booster seat needed. Seat belt only	Seat belt only (required in any seat)	Seat belt only (required in any seat)	Seat belt only (required in any seat)	Seat belt only required for driver and front seat passengers.
Violation cite whom	Parent or legal guardian, if present. If not, cite the driver.	Parent or legal guardian, if present. If not, cite the driver.	Parent or legal guardian, if present. If not, cite the driver.	Parent or legal guardian, if present. If not, cite the driver.	Parent or legal guardian, if present. If not, cite the driver.	Cite the violator only, not the driver (unless they are also unrestrained).	Cite the violator only, not the driver (unless they are also unrestrained).
Other considerations	Only one citation per vehicle per occasion, no matter how many unrestrained children are in the car.	Only one citation per vehicle per occasion, no matter how many unrestrained children are in the car	Only one citation per vehicle per occasion, no matter how many unrestrained children are in the car.	Only one citation per vehicle per occasion, no matter how many unrestrained children are in the car.	Only one citation per vehicle per occasion, no matter how many unrestrained children are in the car.	For 16 and up, may issue a citation for each person who fails to wear their seat belt. No limit per vehicle as in 15 and under.	For 16 and up, may issue a citation for each person who fails to wear their seat belt. No limit per vehicle as in 15 and under

Exceptions to seat belt requirements:

- 1) Handicapped children or adults with certified writing from doctor. In the case of children, the paperwork should indicate that the child is allowed to use a specialized child seat.
- 2) U.S. Postal Service workers in the performance of their duties.
- 3) Salespersons or mechanics within one mile of their dealership, who are test driving. They must test drive 50 or more vehicles a day at that dealership for this to apply.
- 4) Utility workers. Water, gas, and electric meter readers all in the performance of their duties.
- 5) Newspaper delivery persons in the actual performance of delivering papers.
- 6) Persons in a parade going less than 15 mph.
- 7) In a hayride going less than 15 mph.
- 8) Vehicle crossing a highway from one field to another, going less than 15 mph.
- 9) Motor vehicles with manufacturer's GVW over 8,500lbs. This applies to adult seatbelt use only. They must use child restraint systems for children.
- 10) Public or livery conveyances. This would include taxi cabs (both driver and passengers). This applies to adult seatbelt use only. They must use child restraint systems for children.

Also remember:

- 1) All vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 1972 are required to be equipped with seat belts (49 C.F.R. 571.208)
- 2) The above provisions cover passenger motor vehicles of all types (trucks, vans, cars) which have a GVW of 8,500lbs or less.
- 3) Unlawful to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer an automobile manufactured from 1964-present unless equipped with safety belts in front seats (TCA 55-9-601).
- 4) Unlawful to buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer a passenger motor vehicle manufactured from 1969-present unless equipped with safety belts in all seats (TCA 55-9-601).

Transporting Persons in Bed of Pickup Truck with Manufacturer's Ton Rating \leq 3/4 Ton

Roadway Type	Age of Child		
	< 6 yoa	6-11 yoa	12-adult
Municipal Streets	Not permitted	Permitted	Permitted
County Roads	Not permitted	Permitted	Permitted
State Highways	Not permitted	Not Permitted	Permitted
Interstates	Not permitted	Not Permitted	Permitted



Note that this chart is based upon TCA 55-8-189

Additional Considerations:

*These rules do not apply to trucks being used as part of an organized parade, procession, or other ceremonial event, and when not exceeding twenty mph.

*These rules do not apply when the child being transported is involved in agricultural activities.

*Metro Code 12.68.140 requires persons in truck beds to ride within the "space intended for merchandise". In other words, no portion of the person's body should be hanging outside of the truck bed, regardless of age. There is an exception for persons in discharge of their duties (i.e. sanitation workers).