

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE RESTRAINT LAWS
All Vehicles except buses and motorcycles

OCCUPANT VIOLATIONS

CVC 27315(d) - Cite driver for self and all passengers 16 or older not properly secured in a safety belt.

CVC 27315(e) - Cite each passenger 16 or older not properly secured in a safety belt.

CVC 27315(f) - Cite registered owner if safety belts have been removed or are not working.

CVC 27360.5 - Cite parent/guardian, or driver if parent/guardian is not present, for each child who is unrestrained between the ages of 6 and 16, or who is less than 6 years and weighs 60 pounds or more.

(Exceptions: Taxi driver on city street w/ fare paying passenger, back seat of limousine and taxi cabs for hire, sleeper berth, newspaper delivery, rural mail carriers, solid waste/recycled collections, physically disabled or medical conditions: duly certified by physician, surgeon or chiropractor, must state condition and reason.)

PICKUP LAW

CVC 23116(a) - Cite driver for persons riding unrestrained in or on the back of a pickup truck or flatbed.

CVC 23116(b) - Cite persons riding unrestrained in or on the back of a pickup truck or flatbed.

UNATTENDED CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

CVC 15620 - A person responsible for a child age 6 or under may not leave the child inside a vehicle without a person who is at least 12 years of age if there are conditions that present a significant risk to the child's health or safety or engine is running and/or keys are in the ignition.

Fontana Police Department



Dispatch Center
(909) 350-7700

Traffic Division
(909) 350-7770

CHILD RESTRAINTS

Rear-facing seats:

- Newborns and infants up to 20-35 pounds.
- Babies must ride rear-facing until one year of age AND at least 20 pounds.
- Seat can never be forward facing.



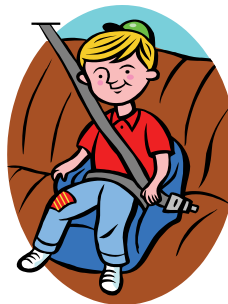
Forward-facing seats:

- Children over one year of age AND at least 20 pounds.
- Face forward only.
- Most can be converted to a belt positioning booster after child reaches 40 pounds.



Booster Seats:

- For children over 40 pounds.
- Must be used with lap and shoulder belts.
- Lap belt fits low and tight across hips.
- Shoulder belt crosses the collar bone and center of chest.



Seat Belt:

- Age 6 or older or over 60 pounds.
- Must be in the back seat unless exempt.
- NHTSA recommends all children 12 and under should be in the back seat.

INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN

CVC 27360(a) - Cite parent/guardian for each child who is not properly restrained in the rear seat unless the child is six years or older or weighs 60 pounds or more.

CVC 27360(b) - Cite driver for above only if parent/guardian is not present.

(Exceptions: 1. A court sanctioned exemption ie. medical problem, physical unfitness or size. 2. Life threatening emergency or transported in authorized emergency vehicle. 3. Child over 40 pounds in rear seat of vehicle with lap belts only.)

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2005

Each child is required to be properly restrained in the back seat unless child is 6 years or older or weighs 60 pounds or more.

Exceptions: A child under the age of 6 who weighs less than 60 pounds may ride in the front seat of a motor vehicle, if properly secured in a Child Passenger Restraint System that meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, under the following circumstances:

- There is no rear seat.
- The rear seats are side-facing jump seats.
- The rear seats are rear-facing seats.
- The Child Passenger Restraint System cannot be installed properly in the rear seat.
- All rear seats are already occupied by children under the age of 12 years.
- Medical reasons necessitate that the child not ride in the rear seat. (The court may require satisfactory proof of the child's medical condition.)

A child may NOT ride in the front seat with an active passenger airbag if:

- Child is under one year of age.
- Child weighs less than 20 pounds.
- Child is riding in a rear-facing Child Passenger Restraint System.

