

# SB 480

## Child Safety Restraints

SB 480 expands on the use of automobile safety restraints for children and takes effect on July 1, 2007. The statute amends ORS 811.210 and 811.215. Provisions of the new statute are:

- A. Child passengers under one year of age, regardless of weight, or a child who weighs 20 pounds or less, must be properly secured in a child safety system in a rear-facing position.
- B. Child passengers who weigh 40 pounds or less must be properly secured in a child safety system.
- C. Children weighing more than 40 pounds and who are four feet nine inches or shorter, must ride in a child safety system which elevates them (i.e. booster seat) so the lap and shoulder belt fit them properly.
  - Children eight years of age or older need not be secured with a child safety system, but must be properly secured with a safety belt or safety harness.

The bill renames the offense of “failure to use safety belts” to “failure to properly use safety belts” and “passenger failure to use safety belts” to “passenger failure to properly wear safety belts.”

The new literals to be used on Oregon driving records for these convictions are:

Failure to properly use safety belts is F PR USE S/BL

Passenger failure to properly use safety belts is PF/P USE S/B