

Big Kids Need Protection Too!!

Starting January 1, 2014,
New Hampshire law (RSA 265:107-a)
requires that children ride in an
appropriate child safety seat until they
are 7 years old or 57 inches tall
(whichever is reached first).

Using a child safety seat with a
harness or a booster seat will meet this
requirement.

When is a child ready to use only the seat belt?

1. Can your child sit all the way back against the vehicle seat?
2. Do your child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle seat?
3. Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
4. Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered NO to any of these questions, your child is not ready to use only the seat belt. Kids in a booster seat or other child safety seat can see out the window and are usually more comfortable too!

For more information:

Call the NH Child Passenger Safety Program toll free at 1-877-783-0432

Remember! Even though New Hampshire law requires everyone under age 18 to use a seat belt or child safety seat, seat belts make sense for all!

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