



## The Status of State Safety Belt Laws

Alabama – **Primary law** \*(1999)  
Alaska – **Secondary law**  
Arizona – **Secondary law**  
Arkansas – **Secondary law**  
California – **Primary law** \*(1993)  
Colorado – **Secondary law**  
Connecticut – **Primary law** \*(1986)  
Delaware – **Primary law** \*(2003)  
District of Columbia – **Primary law** \*(1997)  
Florida – **Secondary law**  
Georgia – **Primary law** \*(1996)  
Hawaii – **Primary law** \*(1985)  
Idaho – **Secondary law**  
Illinois – **Primary law** \*(2003)  
Indiana – **Primary law** \*(1998)  
Iowa – **Primary law** \*(1986)  
Kansas – **Secondary law**  
Kentucky – **Secondary law**  
Louisiana – **Primary law** \*(1995)  
Maine – **Secondary law**  
Maryland – **Primary law** \*(1997)  
Massachusetts – **Secondary law**  
Michigan – **Primary law** \*(2000)  
Minnesota – **Secondary law**  
Mississippi – **Secondary law**  
Missouri – **Secondary law**  
Montana – **Secondary law**  
Nebraska – **Secondary law**  
Nevada – **Secondary law**  
New Hampshire – **No adult safety belt law**  
New Jersey – **Primary law** \*(1999)  
New Mexico – **Primary law** \*(1986)  
New York – **Primary law** \*(1984)  
North Carolina – **Primary law** \*(1985)  
North Dakota – **Secondary law**  
Ohio – **Secondary law**

Oklahoma – **Primary law** \*(1997)  
Oregon – **Primary law** \*(1990)  
Pennsylvania – **Secondary law**  
Puerto Rico – **Primary law** \*(1975)  
Rhode Island – **Secondary law**  
South Carolina – **Secondary law**  
South Dakota – **Secondary law**  
Tennessee – **Secondary law**  
Texas – **Primary law** \*(1985)  
Utah – **Secondary law**  
Vermont – **Secondary law**  
Virginia – **Secondary law**  
Washington – **Primary law** \*(2002)  
West Virginia – **Secondary law**  
Wisconsin – **Secondary law**  
Wyoming – **Secondary law**

### PRIMARY SAFETY BELT LAWS

As of September 2003, only 20 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia had primary safety belt laws. New Hampshire is the only U.S. State that has no adult safety belt law.

\* Date State law was passed

