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# Occupant Protection Laws

## KIDS

- Any person transporting a child <8 years shall properly secure him or her in an appropriate child restraint system.
- The parent or legal guardian of a child under 8 years shall provide a child restraint to any person who transports his or her child.
- A child weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the back seat while wearing only a lap belt if the back seat is not equipped with a lap and shoulder belt.

## TEENS

- Graduated Driver Licensing Permit Phase- Drivers Age 15
- Number of passengers limited to one in the front seat and the number of safety belts in the back seat.
- All occupants under age 19 must wear safety belts.
- Cell phone use while driving is prohibited for drivers under age 19, except in the case of an emergency to an emergency services agency.

### Initial Licensing Phase- Drivers Ages 16-17

- All occupants under age 19 must wear safety belts.
- For the first 12 months, or until the driver turns 18, the number of passengers is limited to one person under age 20, unless the passenger(s) is a sibling, step sibling, child or stepchild of the driver. After this period, the number of passengers is limited to one in the front seat and the number of safety belts in the back seat.
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For additional information on the GDL please visit:  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

## ADULTS

- Each driver and front seat passenger shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt.
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