



## **BOOSTER SEAT INFORMATION**

On August 2, 2012 a new law will go into effect that requires children under age 8 to be restrained in a booster seat.

### **What does this mean to families?**

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children between 5 and 8 years old. Many of these children were not properly restrained. To improve safety for children, Arizona increased the length of time for children to be in a child safety seat to age 8. This law does allow a police officer to stop a car if a child is not seat belted in a child safety seat.

### **Is there a fine?**

Yes, the fine will vary by city but at minimum it is \$50

### **How much does a booster seat cost?**

These seats can be bought at Walmart, Target as well as other places that sell car seats for as little as \$20.

### **How is the booster seat installed in the car?**

The booster seat is made to make the vehicle seat belt fit a child. The child sits on top of the booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt and is then buckled into to the car. By lifting the child up in the booster seat, this makes the seat belt fit better.

### **Is there someone to call for help?**

Yes, many communities across Arizona have child passenger technicians. Visit [www.seatcheck.org](http://www.seatcheck.org) for a technician in your community.

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