

DPS TIPS FOR PARENTS: Seatbelts, Carseats, and More

All occupants must be properly restrained in all seating positions. (Regardless of Age). Adult drivers as well as passengers can be cited for not wearing their mandatory seat belts anywhere in the vehicle.

A child under age 1 must ride in a rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat. A child under age 1 can only ride in the front seat if the vehicle has NO back seat and there is no active air bag.

A child age 1 through 4 must ride in a child safety seat. A child under 40 pounds must ride in a child safety seat.

A child age 5 or 6 must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat.

A child under 60 pounds must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat regardless of age.

A child age 7 through 12 must be properly restrained in a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt. A child 13 to 17 must ride in a seat belt.

Rio Rancho City Ordinance States that all children through the age of 12 years shall be secured in the REAR SEAT of a motor vehicle equipped with a rear seat, unless all other seating positions are occupied by passengers 12 years of age or younger. The fine for not having children properly restrained is \$138.00. Rio Rancho Police will be out in force this year in School Zones enforcing Seat Belt, Child Restraint, Speeding and other violations in School Zones.