

District Vehicles

Use of district vehicles shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. The use of seat belts in district-owned vehicles is mandatory for all personnel using vehicles which are equipped with seat belts;
2. The vehicle contains an adequate number of seat restraints, including when applicable, a child safety system for a child who weighs less than 40 pounds, regardless of age, and the adult driver requires their use. The child safety system must elevate the person so that a safety belt or safety harness properly fits the individual and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law. A person who weighs over 40 pounds and who is under four feet nine inches and under eight years of age must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the person so that a safety belt or harness properly fits the person¹. A person who is taller than four feet nine inches or eight years of age or older must be properly secured with a safety belt or harness that meets the requirements under ORS 815.055. Training in the proper installation and use of child safety system may be required. The driver is responsible for not placing children under the age of 13 in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with passenger-side air bags;
3. The driver shall not begin to move the vehicle until the driver and all passengers are belted and properly secured.

¹ "Proper fit" means the lap belt of the safety belt or harness is positioned low across the thighs and the shoulder belt is positioned over the collarbone and away from the neck.