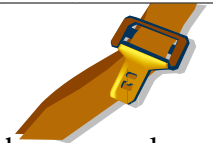


Oregon - State & Local Safety Laws



Seatbelts - effective November 1990

All motor vehicle operators and passengers must be properly secured with a safety belt or safety harness, unless all safety-belt equipped seating positions are occupied by other persons.



Bicycle helmets - effective on July 1, 1994

Any youth under age 16 riding a bike or when a passenger on a bike in any public place (streets, roads, sidewalks, parks, etc.) must wear bicycle helmets labeled ANSI and/or Snell approved.

Life jackets - effective in 1998

No person shall operate a boat on Oregon waters with a child age 12 and under unless the child is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device/life jacket while the boat is underway.



Cribs - effective July 6, 2001

It is illegal in Oregon for anyone to sell a crib at a garage sale, estate sale, or second hand store that does not meet the safety standards established in House Bill 3962.

Smoke alarms - effective Jan 1, 2002

Ionization smoke alarms that are solely battery-operated shall be packaged with a 10-year battery. All ionization smoke alarms shall include a "hush" mechanism that allows a person to temporarily disengage the alarm for no more than 15 minutes.



Pick-up trucks - effective November 2003



Children under 18 years of age are prohibited from riding in the open bed of a pick-up truck.

Safety helmets - effective January 1, 2004

Oregon law requires youth 15 years of age and younger to wear safety helmets when riding on skateboards, scooters, and in-line skates in public places. Failure to wear protective headgear is a traffic violation, which carries a fine of \$25 for each offense.



Child restraints - effective July 1, 2007

Infants must ride rear-facing until they reach both one year of age AND twenty pounds. Child passengers must be restrained in forward facing safety seats until they weigh forty pounds. Children must use a booster seat until they are 4'9" tall, or until they are 8 years of age.

ATVs – effective Jan. 1, 2008

Anyone under the age of 16 operating an ATV is required to be supervised by an adult over the age of 18. Also, anyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet and have the chin strap fastened. Starting in 2009, all youth under the age of 16 are now required to have an operator's permit to use an ATV.



Novelty lighters – effective June 2009

Prohibits the selling or distribution of novelty (toylike) lighters in Oregon.



Carbon Monoxide Alarms – effective June 25, 2009

Prohibits transferring title to one and two family dwelling or multifamily housing that has carbon monoxide source unless dwelling or housing is equipped with carbon monoxide alarm.



Cell phones & driving – effective January 1, 2010

Bans the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. Maximum \$90 fine on drivers caught texting or talking on a hand-held cell phone.



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