

Booster seat law begins Jan. 1

Keiki need booster seats
— it's the law

Come Jan. 1, Hawaii will be the 35th state to have a booster seat law. The new law will require keiki between the ages of 4 and 7 to ride in a booster seat whenever traveling in a motor vehicle. The only exemptions are if the child is over 4-foot-9 or if the vehicle has lap-only seat belts in the rear seat.

The driver is held responsible for compliance with the law. Violators of Hawaii's Child Passenger Restraint Law are required to attend a four-hour class and may be assessed a fine of between \$100 and \$500, depending upon the number of offenses. However, the most compelling reason for using a booster seat is the safety of your keiki.