

Noble Transit System
Passenger Policy Manual
561 South Main Street, Kendallville, IN 46755

SUBJECT: SEATBELT POLICY

SECTION: SAFETY

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DIRECTIVE:

To comply with all Indiana traffic laws requiring vehicle occupants to wear safety belts.

PROCEDURE:

Agency Employees

All Agency employees are required to wear safety belts while operating or riding as a passenger in any Agency vehicle.

Passengers

All passengers are required to wear seatbelts unless they meet one of the following conditions:

1. If the seatbelt is not long enough to be secured, manufacture's seatbelt extensions will be used. If the extensions do not correct the situation, the passenger will not be required to wear a seatbelt. The driver should document on his/her manifest that the seatbelt could not be secured. Every effort will be made to resolve this situation.
2. If the passenger secures a document from a physician stating that they are not required to wear a seatbelt for medical reasons. This document will be kept on file at the Noble Transit office.

Each passenger must have his/her safety belt securely fastened before the vehicle will be permitted to begin movement.

Passengers seated in wheelchairs will be secured via an approved four-point restraint system. (Please see the Wheelchair Securement policy located in the Safety section of this manual)

Children

Infants from birth to one year of age must be secured in a child restraint system facing the rear of the vehicle.

Children from ages one to four and/or under forty (40) pounds must be properly secured in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in a child restraint system that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Children 4-8 years of age and 40-80 pounds must be secured in a belt-positioning booster seat. Parents will be responsible for properly securing the child restraint system in a passenger seat. Parents will then seat and secure the child in the restraint seat. The driver will then ensure that the child is appropriately secured before placing the vehicle in motion.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is the responsibility of all Agency employees to ensure that safety belts are worn at all times while in any Agency vehicle. Drivers will be responsible for ensuring that all passengers are wearing safety belts in accordance with this policy.