

Table 11.
State Traffic Safety Laws as of June 2011

State	Universal Motorcycle Helmet Law ⁽¹⁾	Primary Seat Belt Law	Graduated Driver Licensing Law	.08 BAC Per Se Law ⁽²⁾	Ignition Interlock Law ⁽³⁾	2010 Observed Seat Belt Use Rate	Distractions Driving Law ⁽⁴⁾
AL	1980	1999	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1995	M ⁽⁶⁾	91.4%	—
AK	—	2006	Yes	2001	F	86.8%	X(p)
AZ	—	—	Yes	2001	F	81.8%	—
AR	—	2009	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2001	F	78.3%	X(p)
CA	1992	1993	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1990	F ⁽⁷⁾	96.2%	X(p), H(p)
CO	—	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2004	F	82.9%	X(p)
CT	—	1986	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2002	F ⁽⁶⁾	88.2%	X(p), H(p)
DE	—	2003	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2004	M	90.7%	X(p), H(p)
DC	1970	1997	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1999	P	92.3%	X(p), H(p)
FL	—	2009	Yes	1994	M	87.4%	—
GA	1969	1996	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2001	M	89.6%	X(p)
HI	—	1985	Yes	1995	F	97.6%	—
ID	—	—	Yes	1997	P	77.9%	—
IL	—	2003	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1997	F	92.6%	X(p)
IN	—	1998	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2001	P	92.4%	X(p)
IA	—	1986	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2003	M	93.1%	X(s)
KS	—	2010	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1993	F	81.8%	X(p)
KY	—	2006	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2000	P	80.3%	X(p)
LA	2004	1995	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2003	F	75.9%	X(p)
ME	—	2007	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1988	P	82.0%	X(p)
MD	1992	1997	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2001	P	94.7%	X(p), H(s)
MA	1967	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2003	M	73.7%	X(p)
MI	1969	2000	Yes	2003	P	95.2%	X(p)
MN	—	2009	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2005	M ⁽⁶⁾	92.3%	X(p)
MS	1974	2006	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2002	P	81.0%	—
MO	1967	—	Yes	2001	M	76.0%	—
NE	1989	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2001	F	84.1%	X(s)
NV	1972	—	Yes	2003	M	93.2%	X(s), H(p) ⁽⁶⁾
NH	—	—	Yes	1994	P	72.2%	X(p)
NJ	1968	2000	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2004	M	93.7%	X(p), H(p)
NM	—	1986	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1994	F	89.8%	—
NY	1967	1984	Yes	2003	F	89.8%	X(s), H(p)
NC	1968	1985	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1993	M	89.7%	X(p)
ND	—	—	—	2003	P	74.8%	X(p)
OH	—	—	Yes	2003	P	83.8%	—
OK	—	1997	Yes	2001	M	85.9%	—
OR	1988	1990	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1983	F	97.0%	X(p), H(p)
PA	—	—	Yes	2003	M	86.0%	—
RI	—	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2003	P	78.0%	X(p)
SC	—	2005	Yes	2003	M	85.4%	—
SD	—	—	Yes	2002	—	74.5%	—
TN	1967	2004	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2003	M	87.1%	X(p)
TX	—	1985	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1999	M	93.8%	—
UT	—	—	Yes	1983	F	89.0%	X(p)
VT	1968	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1991	—	85.2%	X(p)

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VA	1970	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1994	M	80.5%	X(s)
WA	1990	2002	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	1999	F	97.6%	X(p), H(p)
WV	1971	—	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	2004	M	82.1%	—
WI	—	2009	Yes	2003	M	79.2%	X(p)
WY	—	—	Yes	2002	M	78.9%	X(p)
WY	—	—	Yes	2002	M	67.6%	X(p)
U.S.	20 States and DC	31 States and DC	49 States and DC	50 States and DC	47 States and DC	85%⁽⁸⁾	34 States and DC
PR	1960	1975	—	2001	—	—	—

⁽¹⁾ All riders must wear helmets.
⁽²⁾ Effective date of .08 BAC per se law.
⁽³⁾ F = mandatory for all, including first offense;
M = mandatory for some (e.g., high-BAC [≥ 0.15 g/dl] or repeat offenders);
P = permitted for some offenders.
⁽⁴⁾ X(p) = texting ban for all, primary enforcement;
X(s) = texting ban, secondary enforcement;
H(p) = handheld cell phone ban for all, primary enforcement;
H(s) = handheld cell phone ban, secondary enforcement.
⁽⁵⁾ Cell phone restrictions for teens, learner and intermediate levels.
⁽⁶⁾ New law passed but not yet effective as of June 2011.
⁽⁷⁾ Pilot in four counties only.
⁽⁸⁾ Nationwide seat belt use rate, as measured by NHTSA's 2010 NOPUS national survey.
Source: NHTSA.

