

**Chapter 204-41 WAC  
SEAT BELT EXEMPTIONS**

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**WAC 204-41-010 Authority.** This chapter is promulgated pursuant to RCW 46.61.688 and chapter 152, Laws of 1986, and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688. WSR 86-20-037 (Order 86-1), § 204-41-010, filed 9/25/86.]

**WAC 204-41-020 Purpose.** The purpose of this rule is to exempt the operators of specific vehicles that stop on a frequent basis while traveling on public roadways from the requirement to wear a seat belt assembly.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688. WSR 86-20-037 (Order 86-1), § 204-41-020, filed 9/25/86.]

**WAC 204-41-030 Seat belting of prisoners.** If the patrol vehicle is equipped with a seat belt system, it is intended that all prisoners being transported in a passenger style patrol vehicle wear a seat belt.

Prisoners that are transported in the front seat of a patrol vehicle should be placed in a seat belt assembly.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688. WSR 95-09-091, § 204-41-030, filed 4/19/95, effective 5/20/95; WSR 86-20-037 (Order 86-1), § 204-41-030, filed 9/25/86.]

**WAC 204-41-040 Rural United States postal carriers.** Employees of the United States Postal Service are not required to wear a seat belt system while delivering mail and while actually on a designated rural mail route. Seat belt use is required when traveling to and from the mail route.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688. WSR 86-20-037 (Order 86-1), § 204-41-040, filed 9/25/86.]

**WAC 204-41-050 Rural newspaper carriers.** Employees of newspapers that deliver newspapers on rural routes are not required to wear a seat belt system while actually on a designated newspaper delivery route. This shall mean in sparsely populated areas. Seat belt use is required when traveling to and from the newspaper route.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688. WSR 86-20-037 (Order 86-1), § 204-41-050, filed 9/25/86.]

**WAC 204-41-060 Utility meter readers.** Meter readers may be exempted from the seat belt requirements only during the time they are reading meters in residential areas and are continually in and out of their vehicles. Seat belt use is required when traveling to and from their actual route, or when on other utility business.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.37.005 and 46.37.510. WSR 97-10-023, § 204-41-060, filed 4/29/97, effective 5/30/97.]

**WAC 204-41-070 Refuse and recycling collectors.** Refuse and recycling collectors are not required to wear a seat belt system while performing collections on their designated collection routes. Seat belt use is required when traveling to and from the collection route.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688. WSR 00-22-028, § 204-41-070, filed 10/23/00, effective 11/23/00.]

**WAC 204-41-080 Commercially recognized delivery vehicles.** Operators of commercially recognized delivery vehicles making frequent stops when traveling wholly within the limits of a town of less than ten thousand population, traveling less than one mile between stops on roads with a posted speed limit not greater than thirty-five miles per hour, while actually on a designated delivery route are not required to wear a seat belt system. Seat belt use is required when traveling to and from the designated route.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.61.688(2). WSR 05-16-093, § 204-41-080, filed 8/2/05, effective 9/2/05.]