

Achievement on Road Safety in Vietnam

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Vietnam adopted two laws with multiple road safety provisions in June 2024. For the first time, the law in Vietnam includes CRS provisions & prohibition of children in the front seat of cars

- **CRS.** Stipulates CRS for children under 1.35m in height and less than 10 years of age and prohibits them from sitting in the same row as the car driver.
- **SEATBELTS.** Mandates driver and all passengers wear seat belts (previously this was only mandated for those in the car front row).
- **HELMETS.** Mandates riders – drivers and pillion passengers - of 2 and 3-wheeled vehicles must wear helmets. Helmets will need to be strapped and *meet quality specified in the national standard*.
- **SPEED.** Includes several provisions on speed to help ensure drivers comply with current and to-be-developed regulations on speed and needed distance between vehicles. Mandates Ministry of Transport to specify speed and safe distances.
- **DRINK DRIVING.** The National Assembly held a separate vote to reaffirm Zero Tolerance in law and maintains, by a large majority, prohibition on driving a vehicle for drivers who have higher than 0.00 blood alcohol content (BAC).

Effective date: from 1 Jan 2025, except the CRS-related provisions will be put into effect from 1 Jan 2026.

