

**KYPCA
DE MINIMUM STANDARDS:
EQUAL RESTRAINTS, HARNESSSES
and HANS 2019**

- *Both driver and passenger MUST USE THE SAME RESTRAINT SYSTEM.
- *Multi point harnesses must be LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD.
- *Cars with multi point harnesses MUST USE HANS DEVICE.

PCA National has modified the minimum standards related to the use of head and neck support devices or HANS. The modified requirements will impact any driver who has a multi-point harness (5, 6 or 7 point) installed in their car. It DOES NOT apply to drivers who only use the standard 3-point safety belt system.

As of January 1, 2019, people driving cars with multi-point harness systems will be required to utilize a head and neck support device, commonly referred to as a HANS device. This means both driver and passenger must have a HANS device if multi-point harnesses are used.

Also, all harnesses must be less than five years old. Harness belts must be replaced no later than five years after the date of manufacture.

Consider the scenarios below*:

Driver / Passenger Situation	Seat Belts / Harness	Equal Restraint / Head and Neck Device Requirements
Driver/ Passenger	Both seats have standard 3-point seat belt.	HANS not required
Driver/ Passenger	Driver seat has a multi-point harness as well as the 3-point seat belt; the passenger seat has only the 3-point seat belt.	The driver and passenger MUST BOTH USE the 3-point seat belt system; HANS not required.
Driver/ Passenger	Driver seat has a multi-point harness only (factory installed seat belt has been removed); the passenger seat has only the 3-point seat belt.	This car DOES NOT meet the equal restraint requirement and two people CAN NOT be in the car.
Driver/ Passenger	Both seats have only a multi-point harness system (no 3-point seat belts).	BOTH driver and passenger MUST USE a HANS device.
Solo Driver	Driver seat has a multi-point harness system and a 3-point seat belt.	If the driver does not have a HANS device, he/she must use the 3-point seat belt and not the multi-point harness system.
Solo Driver	Driver seat has only a multi-point harness system.	Driver MUST USE a HANS device.

*These are examples only, specific questions should be addressed to PCA National, Chief Instructor, DE Chairmen, Tech Inspector, or DE Registrar.