CALIFORNIA CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW

Protect your child — it is the law.



IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?

Use of child passenger restraint system for child under age 8

A parent, legal guardian, or driver shall not transport on a highway in a motor vehicle a child who is under eight (8) years of age, without properly securing that child in a back seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Exception: A child under the age of eight (8) who is four feet nine inches (4'9") in height or taller may be properly restrained by a safety belt in a back seat.

Use of child passenger restraint system for child between 8 and 16

A parent, legal guardian, or driver shall not transport on a highway in a motor vehicle a child who is eight (8) years of age or older, but less than 16 years of age, without properly securing that child in an appropriate child passenger restraint system or safety belt meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

"Properly restrained by a safety belt" means that the lower (lap) portion of the belt crosses the hips or upper thighs and the upper (shoulder) portion of the belt, crosses the chest.

You may be cited for a violation of the child passenger restraint system provisions. In addition, your automobile insurance rates could be adversely affected as a result.

Call your local health department for more information at:

For more information on safety seats: http://www.chp.ca.gov/community/safeseat.html

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