C A L I F O R N I A

Child Passenger Safety Law

4 STEPS FOR KIDS

1 INFANTS

rear facing seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 pounds.

INFANT

2 TODDLERS

forward facing seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds.

TODDLER

3 PRE-SCHOOL

booster seats in the back seat for children over 40 pounds to at least age six or 60 pounds.

BOOSTER

4 CHILDREN

*safety belts for children who are at least six years old or weigh at least 60 pounds.**

SAFETY BELT

***For best practice NHTSA recommends** **booster seats for children until they are at least 8 years old, unless they are 4' 9" tall. All children age 12 and under should ride in the back seat. For more information on Child Passenger Safety, visit the state health department web site www.dhs.ca.gov/epic/cps.**

Protect your child, it's the law!

Effective January 1, 2005, changes to the California CPS Law (VC 27360 and 27360.5) will cite the parent/guardian for each child who is not properly restrained in the rear seat unless the child is 6 years old or older, or weighs 60 pounds or more.

Exceptions:

- Your vehicle has no rear seats.
- Rear seats are side-facing jump seats.
- The child restraint system cannot be properly installed in the rear seat.
- Children under age 12 occupy all rear seats.
- Medical reason (written by the pediatrician) requires that child not be restrained in the back seat.

A child may **NOT** ride in the front seat with an active passenger airbag if:

- Under one year of age.
- Weighs less than 20 pounds.
- Riding in a rear-facing CPRS.

Children who weigh at least 60 pounds or who are at least 6 years old, but less than 16 years old, must be properly secured in an appropriate restraint system. (Vehicle Code 27315, requires everyone 16 years and older who is a driver or a passenger be properly restrained by safety belts).

You can be fined for violating the California Child Passenger Safety Law.

1st Offense: $100 fine. Court may waive or reduce fine, but must refer you to a violator program if fine is reduced.

2nd Offense: $250 fine. Same conditions as first offense and your auto insurance rates may increase.

For more information about child passenger restraint systems, call Safely on the Move at 866-700-7686 or SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. at 800-745-SAFE (English) or 800-747-SANO (Spanish) or your local health department at _____.

All licensed Childcare Centers must post copies of this sign (or a sign with the exact same information) at the entrance to the facility. This is a condition of licensure under Health and Safety Code Section 1596.95(g).