

Count Down to January 1, 2017

A Year of Education about Riding Rear Facing



Do you care about a child?

Then you need to know that the law on protecting young children in the car is changing.

From January 1, 2017, children under age 2 must ride **rear facing** in safety seats (except those 40 inches tall or more or weighing 40 lbs. or more).

Riding rear facing is 5 times safer than riding facing the front of the car. Safety experts recommend that children ride rear facing for as long as possible.

The new part of the California law will not be enforced until January 1, 2017. We need to teach everyone the law before enforcement begins.

Penalty after 1/1/17: fine with court fees is \$500 & a point on the license (enforced against the parent, or the driver if the parent is not present).

Each one, teach one—or more!

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Don't wait until January 2017 to keep children rear facing until at least age 2 – start now to keep children safe!

For help and advice on the correct way to buckle up all children, visit www.carseat.org or call 800/745 SAFE or 800/746-SANO.

Congratulations to California Assembly member Cristina Garcia (Bell Gardens) whose successful introduction of the law will protect young children from the #1 cause of childhood death and injury.

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