

Child Restraint Systems New Age and Height Requirements

Also changing, but on July 1, 2009, will be the standards regarding the use of child restraint systems. On or after July 1, any vehicle operated on a street or highway with a child passenger who is **both**

- under the age of eight, **and**
- shorter than four feet nine inches

must have a child passenger restraint system *installed* in the vehicle.⁶

All children **both** (1) under the age of eight **and** (2) shorter than four feet nine inches in an operating motor vehicle must be *transported* in an installed child passenger restraint system.⁷



The old law requiring child restraints until the age of 4 with no height requirements has been eliminated. Under the new law, a 3-year-old child who is 4 feet 10 inches tall can lawfully be secured by a seat belt (and may be looking at a career in the NBA or WNBA). While a 7-year-old who is 4 feet 8 inches tall must be in a child restraint seat.



Remember: Child seats for those who are BOTH under 8 years old and under 4 feet 9 inches tall.