

# New Car Seat and Seatbelt Laws Went Into Effect on June 1, 2010



## Texas Child Passenger Safety Seat Systems

- New law requires that any child under 8 years of age be secured in a car seat unless he/she is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller.
- Law went into effect on Sept. 1, 2009, but traffic tickets could not be issued until June 1, 2010.

## Texas Occupant Protection Systems

- All people riding in a vehicle, no matter their age, must wear a safety belt both in the front and back seats of the vehicle.
- Passenger vans designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver must also secure children in car seats.
- Children must be secured in car seats while riding in Medicaid paid taxi cabs and taxi vans.

## How does this affect me?

- Taxi cab companies can deny serving a family without a car seat as they are now required by the law.
- Remember that according to Texas law all children under the age of 8 must be in a car seat when traveling in a car. Only children taller than 4 feet 9 inches do not have to.
- Car seats are not needed when traveling in public buses or DART railway.

To have your car seat inspected or correctly installed, please contact any of the following organizations:

Baylor Medical Center – Frisco	214.407.5560
Centennial Medical Center – Frisco	800.330.3819
Children’s Medical Center at Legacy	214.456.2059
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Plano	877.847.9355

