

# The San Ramon Police Department



would like to inform you of some very  
important changes to

## California's Child Safety Seat Laws



Senate Bill 929 requires that children riding in **any vehicle** must be restrained in the back seat in a child restraint until their 8th birthday.

After **January 1, 2012** children will be required to remain in their **car seats or boosters** until they reach the **age of 8 years old**.

After January 1, 2012, non-compliance will result in a fine of nearly **\$500.00** and a point on your **driver's record**.



### Four Key Safety Points

1. *Restrain your child on every trip, every time!*
2. *Keep your child in the back seat!*
3. *Use the best safety restraint for your child's size.*
4. *Use the child safety seat and belts correctly.*



### 5-Step Test....Can your child...

1. sit with their back flat up against the vehicle seat
2. while their knees are bent naturally over the seat cushion edge
3. with the lap belt across their hip or thigh bones
4. and the shoulder belt across their shoulder (not crossing over their face or under their arm or behind their back)
5. and, can they stay seated in that position the entire trip?

If your child is over 8 years old but cannot achieve all 5 steps listed above, they need to remain in a booster seat!

For more information regarding these changes,  
please contact the  
**San Ramon Police Department at 925-973-2700**