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New Child Car Seat Laws Go Into Effect January 1, 2019

Village of Westmont Police Department

Westmont, Illinois

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The Westmont Police and Westmont Fire Departments “are teaming up” to inform residents about stricter child restraint laws going into effect, and to promote the safety services we provide. On January 1, 2019, the following changes will be in effective:

- ★ Children under the age of two (2) must ride rear-facing.
Recommendations:
 - Even after the age of two (2) it is best to keep children rear facing as long as possible. Consult a Child Safety Seat Technician for advisement.

- ★ Children under the age of eight (8) must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system.
Recommendations:
 - Older children may still need a child safety seat such, as a Booster Seat, even if they are older than eight years old.
 - If your child is not tall enough to sit in a vehicle with their back against the back and their knees appropriately bent at the edge of the seat, they likely still need a booster seat.
 - If in doubt, Consult a Child Safety Seat Technician for advisement.

- ★ It is the responsibility of both the vehicle driver, and the legal guardian of the child, to ensure that children are properly secured in a vehicle.
Recommendations:
 - If you need to drive another parents child, and you do not have the proper car seat for them, ask the parents to provide a car seat. If they cannot, it is advised that you do not drive that child in your vehicle.

Penalties are a \$75 fine for first violation; \$200 fine for second violation.

Free Car Seat Inspections: Residents can book a free car seat inspection appointment by calling the Westmont Fire Department at 630-981-6402.

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