

CORRECTION:

In the insert submitted for the Child Care Connections Newsletter, Publication 3, 2010, we reported that there would be a change in car seat legislation effective Jan. 1, 2011. The insert stated "that in order for a child to move from a rear-facing to a forward-facing position or car seat, the child must weigh 22 lbs (10 kg) and walk unassisted. All infant/child seat manufacturers will also state that the child must be one year of age."

CORRECTION: While seeking further clarification from MTO, it was identified that this is a **federal change** and **not provincial**, therefore, the law does not change.

The new standards that we referred to in the Oct. 14th email apply only to the manufacturing of child restraints. Just recently, the implementation date was deferred until Dec. 31st, 2011. Keep in mind that there are no immediate plans to change the provincial definition to mirror that of the Federal Government.

Therefore, in Ontario, an infant will continue to be defined as a child who weighs less than 20 lbs (9kg). From a legal perspective, nothing changes, i.e.: an infant must remain rear-facing until they are 20 lb (9kg). In the past, we have recommended from a best practice perspective to encourage clients to keep their infant rear-facing until a minimum of 22 lbs, 1 year of age, and can pull to a stand. In light of the changing federal definition, we are now amending the "pull to a stand" to "walk unassisted".

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused

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