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Changes to Child Car Seat Laws

A new law regarding the use of children's car seats comes into effect on April 1st 2010. At present the law in Switzerland states that children under the age of 7 must travel in a car seat and children aged 7 to 12 must wear a seat belt. The new law requires that all children up to the age of 12 (or are less than 1.5m) must travel in a child safety seat. For those of you who cross the borders surrounding Switzerland please be aware that in Germany it is compulsory for children under the age of 12, or less than 1.5m tall must use a car safety seat. In Austria children under the age of 14 and below 1.5m must use a safety seat, children over 1.35m tall can use a seat belt instead but the belt must not touch their neck. In France safety seats are compulsory for children under the age of 10. More information is available on www.swissinfo.ch