



Why everyone should wear a restraint

All vehicle occupants including the driver and children are required by law to wear a restraint.

The Western Australian Road Traffic Code (2000) makes drivers responsible for ensuring that all passengers, regardless of age, are seated in a position that is fitted with a restraint and that the restraint is properly adjusted and securely fastened. There are penalties for drivers and passengers over the age of 16 years who are not wearing a restraint.

Wearing a restraint can reduce the risk of being killed in a road crash by up to 50%.¹

Drivers and passengers travelling without a restraint in a car are at least 10 times more likely to be killed in a road crash than those wearing a restraint.²

Sitting in the back seat without a seatbelt is still a risk factor for being killed or seriously injured in a road crash.

Passengers not wearing restraints can also kill or seriously injure others in the car if the driver has to brake suddenly.

Airbags are designed to work as supplements to restraints. Without a restraint occupants may come into contact with airbags before they are fully deployed.

Children up to 7 years of age are now legally required to wear an approved car restraint.

Buckle up your children and yourself. It doesn't matter if you are only travelling a few kilometres – most road crashes happen close to home. Wear a restraint and avoid serious injury.



THANK YOU FOR
PLAYING A VITAL ROLE
IN YOUR CHILD'S ROAD
SAFETY EDUCATION.



1 Elvik & Vaa (2004). The Handbook of Road Safety Measures. Elsevier

2 Data analysis Australia (2008). Analysis of Road Crash Statistics, 1999 to 2007.