



Keep your child safe in the car

Your child has been learning about the use of restraints (ie seatbelts, baby capsules, booster seats) and how they can reduce the risk of death or serious injury to passengers and drivers if involved in a crash.

Does your child always remember to buckle up?

The force of a crash at 40 km/h is the same as a child being dropped from a two-storey building onto concrete. The force at the point of impact will be equivalent to 20 times the child's own weight (ie a 30kg child = 600kg in a crash).

Did you know?

- Only passengers who are sitting in a seat that is fitted with a seatbelt or child restraint can be carried in a vehicle.
- Passengers can't share the same seatbelt.
- Drivers will be fined and incur demerit points if passengers are unrestrained when travelling in a vehicle.
- Unrestrained passengers (aged over 16 yrs) may also incur a fine.
- Children under 4 years are not allowed to sit in the front seat of a vehicle when back seats are unoccupied.
- Children between 4 and under 7 years are only allowed to sit in the front seat if all rear seats are occupied by children less than 7 years of age.

Take time to check the restraints in your family car with your child. Here are some things to consider.

Child car restraint laws require children from:

- **birth to under 6 months** to be restrained in a rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule);
- **6 months to under 4 years** to be restrained in either a rearward or forward facing child restraint with in-built harness; and
- **4 years to under 7 years** to be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint or booster seat restrained by a seatbelt or child safety harness.
- Children 7 years and over can be restrained in an adult seatbelt. However, the child's size, not age, may indicate they need to use a booster seat rather than a lap sash seatbelt.



- A seatbelt fits properly if:
 - ⦿ the sash sits flat on the shoulder without touching their face or neck
 - ⦿ the lap part crosses low over their hips, not their tummy
 - ⦿ it is not twisted

Do you need some help checking or fitting child car restraints in your vehicle?

Visit the RoadWise website <http://www.roadwise.asn.au/ccr> for a list of registered locations around the state.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.