



# Car rules

When it comes to your child's safety, every rule is a good rule. Your child needs to know the car rules you have in place as a family are there to keep them safe.



Here are some answers that might help if your child tries to challenge your rules.

**Why do I have to put my seatbelt on? We're only going around the corner to the shops.**

Everyone has to wear a seatbelt – adults and children – it's the law. People who are not buckled in can be thrown out of the car and get hurt.

**When I ride with Kyle's mum, she lets us share a seatbelt because there aren't enough belts for all four kids in the back.**

There must be one seatbelt for each person. It's our family rule and it's the law. Buckling up two people, even young children, into one belt could make them both get hurt.

**Why can't we sit in the back of the van? There's even space to lie down.**

No-one – children or adults – can ride in the back of a van, 4WD, ute or station wagon. It's the law. There's no seatbelts and if we have a crash you could get thrown around and hurt.

**Please, let me sit up front. Billy keeps bothering me. I'll put on the seatbelt.**

No one under the age of 7 is allowed to ride in the front seat. It's the law. If the airbags should open, you could get seriously hurt.

It's important to enforce car safety rules in your family and in your car. It is also important to make sure others who drive your children know and follow these car safety rules.



Here is a passenger rule from your child.

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