Keep your child safe in the car

Each year, many Western Australians are killed or seriously injured as a result of a road crash. Many of these injuries and fatalities were because the passenger or driver did not wear a car restraint.

Did you know?

- 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).
- 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 seat or seatbelt.
- Drivers will be fined and incur demerit points if passengers are unrestrained when travelling in a vehicle.
- Unrestrained passengers (aged over 16 years) may also incur a fine.
- Children under 4 years are not allowed to sit in the front seat of a vehicle where back seats are unoccupied.
- Children from 4 to 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.



- Children 7 years and over can be restrained in an adult seat belt or booster seat.
- An adult seatbelt will fit your child properly when they are around 145 cm tall.

Tips for parents

- Make sure everyone travelling in your car is wearing a restraint
- Have a family rule 'no restraint, no go'.

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.

