



Keeping your kids safe in the car

Did you know that every child under 7 years must be seated in a child car restraint or booster seat when travelling in a motor vehicle in Western Australia?

- Children from birth to under 6 months must be seated in a properly fastened and adjusted, rear-facing approved child restraint.
- Children from 6 months to under 4 years must be seated in a properly fastened and adjusted, rear-facing or forward-facing approved child restraint with an in-built harness.
- Children from 4 years to under 7 years must be seated in a properly fastened and adjusted, forward facing approved child restraint with an in-built harness or an approved booster seat with a lap-sash seatbelt.
- Children 7 years and over must be restrained in an adult seatbelt or booster seat.

Where are children allowed to sit?

- If a car has two or more rows of seats, children under 4 years must not travel in the front seat.
- If all of the rear seats are being used by children under 7 years, children aged 4 years to under 7 years may travel in the front seat, provided they use an approved booster seat.

Some important things to talk about with your child

- Why they have to sit in the correct restraint for their size and always buckle up.
- Why they are safer sitting in the back seat. (The back seat is safer than the front seat in a front impact crash, which is the most common type of crash.)

If you want more information on child car restraints go to:

- Kidsafe WA
<http://www.kidsafewa.com.au/child-car-restraints-road>
- RAC
<http://rac.com.au/Advocacy/Child-car-restraints.aspx>
- WALGA RoadWise
<http://www.childcarrestraints.com.au/>
- SDERA
<http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/smartsteps/smart-steps-resources/>

