

Road safety

Keep your child safe in and out of vehicles

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash.

Children aged from four years old but under seven years old cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in an approved child restraint or booster seat.

It is illegal for children under the age of four years old to occupy the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows.

It is best practice for the youngest children occupy the back seats of a vehicle with two or more rows.

National child restraint laws require your child to be restrained in a vehicle as follows:

0 – 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat.

6 months – 4 years

Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.

4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

145cm or taller

Recommended minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt.

For more information and to find and compare a range of child car seats, visit childcarseats.com.au

Here are a few tips to help keep your child safe in and out of the vehicle:

- Always help your child get in and out of the vehicle through the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear kerb side door of the vehicle.

- Help your child to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.
- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the vehicle.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in a vehicle.
- Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision.

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environment visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



Key road safety messages to share with your child

- Click, clack, front and back
- Always buckle up safely
- Get in and out of the car on the footpath side