

Who can help ensure children with additional needs travel safely?

The majority of young children injured in traffic related incidents are passengers in vehicles. Children who are correctly restrained in an approved child restraint, suitable for their age and size, are less likely to be injured or killed in a crash than those who are not. It is really important to have your child's restraint, specialised restraint or wheelchair professionally fitted at an **Authorised Restraint Fitting Station**.

Transport for NSW recommends that families visit a professionally trained restraint fitter to install and check their child's restraint. They can fit and adjust restraints according to the individual needs of your child. Go to childcarseats.com.au for a list of Authorised Restraint Fitting Stations near you. For advice on child restraints and transporting children in vehicles, including children who require specific seats or adaptations or who travel in wheelchairs, go to Mobility Engineering, mobilityengineering.com.au.

Wheelchairs and their occupants must always be properly restrained for their own protection and safety and for that of other passengers. Vehicles need to be modified (e.g. hoists, anchor points, additional doors, etc.) to allow wheelchair access and to transport wheelchair passengers safely and securely. Australian standards for safe passenger travel, including travel in wheelchairs, can be purchased from **Standards Australia Ltd**.

www.standards.com.au

Contact your OT, NDIS provider or Kids and Traffic or any of the following support agencies available to help children with additional needs travel safely:

Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT) provides information and practical advice about children with autism spectrum disorders.

www.aspect.org.au

Cerebral Palsy Alliance provides therapy and support services for children and adults with cerebral palsy.

www.cerebralpalsy.org.au

Down Syndrome NSW provides support and information to people with Down syndrome and their families, service providers and the wider community.

www.downsyndromensw.org.au



Epilepsy Action Australia

provides support to people affected by seizures and is committed to enhancing their quality of life and to improving community attitudes towards seizure disorders.

www.epilepsy.org.au

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Mobility and Accessibility for Children in Australia Ltd (MACA) is a not-for-profit registered charity dedicated to advancing the rights of children with disabilities and medical conditions to safe and accessible transport.

www.macahub.org

Information on Disability & Education Awareness Services (IDEAS) provides details of suppliers of equipment for transporting children in vehicles.

www.ideas.org.au

Mobility Engineering specialises in motor vehicle occupant protection and seat and vehicle modifications. They offer 'total mobility solutions for your independence'.

www.mobilityengineering.com.au

Northcott Equipment Solutions (NES) of the **Northcott Society** offers comprehensive facilities for mobility solutions for people with mobility and rehabilitation needs across NSW, including wheelchair maintenance and customised seating solutions.

www.northcott.com.au

Next Sense deliver world-class education, cochlear implant, allied health, therapy, research and clinical services to support children and adults with hearing and vision loss.

www.nextsense.org.au



Spinal Cord Injuries Australia is committed to supporting people with spinal cord injury and other neurological conditions.

www.scia.org.au

Disability SPOT is a group of Speech Pathologists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists who work in the disability area.

www.disabilityspot.org.au

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