

Kids and Traffic Key Road Safety Messages for all the adults in a child's life

When children are walking near roads, footpaths, driveways and car parks,

- hold their hands until they are at least 8 years old
- ensure they hold onto a pram, stroller, bag, trolley or your clothing if you cannot hold their hand
- closely supervise them up to at least the age of 10 years.



BEFORE driving with children

Visit an authorised restraint fitter to make sure each child's restraint is

- certified to meet the Australian/New Zealand Standard
- correctly installed and checked
- correct for the child's age and size according to the law.

For children –

Younger than 6 months –
rearward facing child restraints

Between 6 months and 4 years –
either rear or forward facing child restraints

Between 4 and 7 years –
either forward facing child restraints or booster seats.

From 7 years –
Forward facing child restraints or booster seats (fastened with a lap/sash seatbelt) or, if they no longer physically fit in a child restraint or booster, adult seatbelts.

For more details visit [Child Car Seats](#)



To be optimally protected in the event of a crash, children should stay in the specified restraint type for as long as physically possible.

WHILE driving with children

- always buckle them up in their child restraint or booster seat and make sure they stay buckled up, awake or asleep, no matter how short the journey
- enter and exit the car through the 'Safety Door' – usually the left-hand rear kerbside door
- ensure more mobile children **enter first** and **exit last** to help keep them safe
- ensure they sit in the back seat. In a vehicle with two or more rows of seats, children under 4 years must not sit in the front seat. Children between 4 and 7 years can only sit in the front seat in a booster seat if all the back seats are taken up by children under 7 years of age.
- never leave them unattended in a parked vehicle - it is dangerous and illegal.

When children are playing or cycling

- make sure the area is safe and away from vehicles and water
- actively supervise them while they are playing
- check they are wearing a correctly fitted helmet, suitable clothing and enclosed shoes when riding wheeled toys and bikes.



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