

'Choose right buckle right' to help keep your child safe in the car

Choose correctly

Choose the right child car seat for each child's age and size. Make sure it is certified to meet the Australian/New Zealand Standard. Make the safest choice by visiting '[Child Car Seats](#)'.

Fit correctly

Install child car seats correctly into the vehicle. See an [Authorised Restraint Fitter](#) to check the fit of all rear and forward-facing child Car seats and booster seats.

Use correctly

Ensure straps are straight, not twisted and are clear of the child's face or neck. The fit should be snug, not loose. Buckle up each child correctly on every journey – awake or asleep!

Check correctly

Check the child car seat harness and/or seatbelt regularly for wear and tear. Have them regularly checked by an [Authorised Restraint Fitter](#), who can also offer advice on when children have outgrown their car seat.



For babies up to at least 6 months:
Rearward-facing child car seats



Children up to at least 4 years:
Rear or forward-facing child car seats



Children up to at least 7 years:
Forward-facing child car seats or booster seats

Adult seatbelts are designed for people with a minimum height of 145cm

Safety for passengers in wheelchairs

Wheelchairs must always be properly restrained in vehicles for the safety of their occupants. They can also be a danger to other passengers. Check out the *Kids and Traffic* info sheet, '[Who can help ensure children with additional needs travel safely?](#)' [Mobility Engineering](#) is also a valuable source for 'total mobility solutions'. Regulations about wheelchair occupant safety systems can be purchased from [Standards Australia](#).