

### 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<sup>1</sup> according to the law<sup>2</sup>.

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 –**  
booster seats (fastened with a lap/sash seatbelt)  
or, if they no longer physically fit in a booster, adult seatbelts.

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, make sure they

- are always buckled up in their child restraint or booster seat and 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
- 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 ( ) ( ) ( ) seats if the back taken up by children under 7 years of age.

### When children are playing or cycling

- make sure the area is safe and away from traffic 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.

<sup>1</sup>For more details, visit '[Child Car Seats](#)'.

<sup>2</sup>[NSW Road Rules](#) 2014, Rule 266