

A guide to child restraints



Since 11 March 2010, all children up to seven years of age must be secured in a child restraint.

A child may stop using a child restraint once they turn seven years of age or once they have outgrown the restraint. At that stage they can legally sit on an adult seat and use the adult seat belt. The new child restraint laws have been introduced to improve children's safety and ensure that they are secure in the right restraint for their age. The child restraint must comply with the Australian Standard (AS1754 or AS/NZS1754). An approved child restraint will display an Australian Standards tick logo.

Age: Birth – 6 months

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Newborns must travel rearward facing

Rearward facing baby capsule



Rearward facing convertible infant restraint



Age: 6 months – 1 year

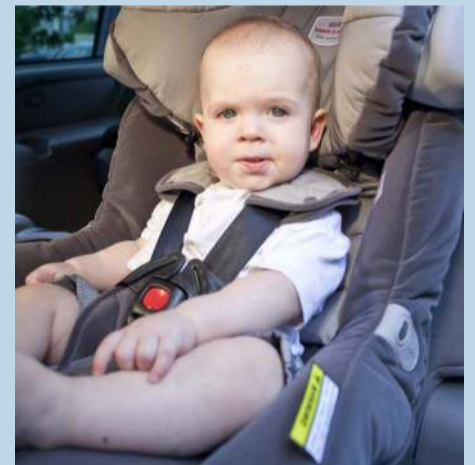
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Infants may travel rear or forward facing until they outgrow the restraint by height or weight

Rearward facing infant restraint



Forward facing convertible child restraint



Kidsafe recommends that babies are safer travelling rearward facing as long as possible – until they outgrow the restraint. Babies should not travel forward facing until they have a strong neck.

Age: 6 months – 4 years

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Toddlers travel forward facing with inbuilt harness until they outgrow restraint by height or weight

Forward facing child restraint with inbuilt, six-point harness



Forward facing combination child restraint with inbuilt six-point harness



Age: 4 – 7 years

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Kids travel in a booster with an adult seat belt OR H-harness until they outgrow the booster by height or weight

Booster seat with H-harness



Booster seat with a secured adult seat belt



The penalty for incorrect restraint or no restraint is a \$300 fine and 3 demerit points

For more information

More information on the legislation and new rules, including the penalties for non-compliance, is available from Kidsafe (www.kidsafeqld.com.au) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (www.tmr.qld.gov.au).

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