



### During pregnancy

Your child needs protection even before birth. It is important that pregnant women wear seatbelts correctly. A properly worn seatbelt puts little pressure on the stomach or the unborn child.

Pregnant women must wear the seatbelt with the lap part sitting over their thighs, across the pelvis and below the unborn child. The sash part should be above the stomach and positioned between the breasts.

Penalty for incorrectly securing a child: \$330\* and 3 demerit points.

For more information go to [www.transport.qld.gov.au/childrestraints](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/childrestraints) or phone **13 23 80**.

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### RACQ

For advice on selecting, fitting and installing child restraints and baby capsules

- contact your local RACQ branch
- visit [www.racq.com.au](http://www.racq.com.au)
- email [childrestraints@racq.com.au](mailto:childrestraints@racq.com.au)
- or phone **1800 816 523**

### Queensland Ambulance Service

To hire a baby capsule phone **1300 369 003**  
For more information about the Baby Capsule Hire Service visit [www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/babycapsule](http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/babycapsule)

### Kidsafe QLD

For advice, installation, checking or hiring of a child restraint or baby capsule visit [www.kidsafeqld.com.au](http://www.kidsafeqld.com.au) email [qld@kidsafeqld.com.au](mailto:qld@kidsafeqld.com.au) or phone **07 3854 1829**

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Transport and Main Roads

# Child restraints



Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia

Don't risk a child's life, or serious injury to the most precious cargo you'll ever carry. As a parent, it's important to know that infants aren't the only ones who need approved child restraints. It's the law for all children up to 7 years of age to be correctly restrained according to their age and size.



## A guide to child restraints

### Indicative ages

0-6 months	6 months-4 years	4-7 years
Rearward facing infant restraint 	Rearward facing infant restraint  Forward facing child restraint with built-in harness   	Booster seat with a secured adult seatbelt <b>or</b> Booster seat with H-harness  

### Safety tips

- Babies should stay in a rearward facing restraint for as long as their size allows.
- Children using restraints which comply with the new Australian Standards should progress to the next level of restraint once their seated shoulder height is above the top mark of the restraint.
- Children using restraints which comply with earlier Australia Standards should progress to the next level of seat once their eye level is above the back of their current restraint, or if the harness straps are more than 25 mm below the child's shoulder height.
- Use only restraints which have been approved by Australian Standards (stamped in the restraint).
- Check the manufacturer's information and product guidelines to ensure correct usage.
- Children can move to an adult seatbelt before the age of seven if their seated shoulder height is above the top mark on the booster seat, or if their eye level is above the back of the booster seat.



## New Australian Standard

Child restraints sold in Australia must comply with Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard 1754. This standard has been updated over time.

Key changes in the new standard

- Shoulder height markers on seats to show when a child should progress to the next level of restraint.
- Suitability of restraints based on seated height rather than weight.
- Colour-coded seatbelt paths to make installing in a motor vehicle easier.
- The introduction of a new type of booster seat for children from approximately 4 years to approximately 6-8 years of age (available now).
- The introduction of a new type of booster seat for children from approximately 4 years to approximately 8-10 years of age (available in the future).

Restraints manufactured to the earlier Australian Standard are still suitable for use.



Children should move to the next level of restraint once their seated shoulder height is above the top mark of the restraint. Children should never move up to the next level of restraint if their seated shoulder height is below the level mark.