

NO SEATBELT NO EXCUSE

YOU MUST USE THE CORRECT CHILD RESTRAINT FOR YOUR CHILD

Every year too many children are killed or seriously injured on our roads – often because they are not properly restrained when travelling in a car.

All children up to 135cms (approx 4ft 5ins) in height or up to 12 years of age (whichever occurs first) must use the appropriate child restraint. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that any child under 14 years of age uses a seat belt or correct child restraint and that from May 2008 any child restraint used conforms to EU safety standard UN ECE 44.03 or subsequent specification. So make sure you understand the law and give your child the best possible protection.



Rear-facing baby seat	Forward facing child seat	Booster seats	Booster cushions
Weight for babies up to 13 kgs Approximate Age Range to 9 -12 months	Weight 9 kgs - 18 kgs Approximate Age Range 9 months - 4 years	Weight 15 kgs and up Approximate Age Range from 4 years	Weight From 22 kgs Approximate Age Range from 6 -12 years or up to 135cms

In the front or rear seat all children up to 135cms in height or 12 years of age (whichever occurs first) must use the correct child restraint.

In the rear seat only, three exceptions allow a child from 3 years up to 135cms in height or 12 years of age (whichever occurs first) to use an adult belt if the correct child restraint is not available – in a taxi; for a short distance in an unexpected necessity; where two occupied child seats in the rear prevent the fitting of a third child seat.

A child under three years of age may travel unrestrained in the rear seat of a taxi if the correct child restraint is not available.

In large buses and coaches, all passengers aged 14 years and above must use seat belts where fitted. There are some exceptions relating to local services or where provision has been made for standing passengers.

You must not put a rear facing baby seat in a front seat protected by an active front air-bag.

More information about the law, which came in on 27 February 2007, can be found in this DOE leaflet. Copies can be obtained by telephoning 028 9054 0049, or textphone 028 9054 0642, emailing roadsafety.clarencecourt@doeni.gov.uk or download it online at www.roadsafetyni.gov.uk

