

## Passenger Safety

Whenever children are passengers in vehicles they should be buckled-up in CHILD RESTRAINTS that are correct for each child's size (height and weight).

The law requires that all children must be restrained when travelling in a car. Using a restraint that fits your child correctly significantly reduces their risk of injury in a car crash.

To provide the best available protection for a child passenger:

- Use an approved restraint with the Australian Standards Mark.
- Choose the best restraint for your child's size and keep them in this restraint until they no longer fit.
- Use this restraint for every single journey.
- Ensure restraints, including second hand restraints, are fitted and checked by an RTA Authorised Restraint Fitter, and refer to restraint manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure child restraints are replaced after car crashes.

### Choose Right Fit Right

Wingecarribee Shire Council's Road Safety Officer will be providing an opportunity for parents to choose the best restraint for their child's size and weight with an interactive display at the Moss Vale Show (14-16 March 2008) and at Mittagong Marketplace (16-18 April 2008).

For further information telephone 4868 0809.

The "Choose Right Fit Right" campaign was developed to increase child passenger safety by Kidsafe NSW in conjunction with the Motor Accidents Authority.

## Choosing the best restraint for your children

Where possible restrain all children in the back seat of the car. Child restraints including booster seats must not be fitted in the front seat of a car fitted with a passenger airbag.

Always encourage children to use the 'safety door' which is closest to the footpath (and away from the road).

Research into child passenger safety shows that children are being moved on from child restraints before they are ready. [Click here](#) to get some up to date information on the selection and use of the most appropriate restraints for children.

## Local RTA Authorised Restraint Fitters

Authorised Restraint Fitters in the southern highlands have been listed below. To find out about other locations call the RTA Enquiry Line on 13 22 13.

Allan Reekie Ford\*  
Corner Station & Funston Streets, Bowral 2576  
(02) 4861 4990

Justin Beasley Automotive\*  
1/7 Cavendish Street, Mittagong 2575  
(02) 4871 3622

Laurie Stewart Automotive\*  
21 Lyell Street, Mittagong 2576  
(02) 4872 4999

Moss Vale Motor Group  
160 Argyle Street, Moss Vale 2577  
(02) 4868 1055

*\*Information correct at 4 March 2008*

## Did you know?

**If a Safe-n-Sound child restraint is involved in a *severe crash*, it may be considered eligible for an exchange for a new one of the same or similar design and features.**

Completed applications must be received by Britax within 28 days of the road crash in order for successful exchange to occur. The date of the crash will be deemed as the date stated on the Police Report. Applications received after this period will not be considered. - The crashed restraint will then be required for testing and evaluation and must be available for return to Britax Childcare Pty Ltd. This request will be made after receiving all of the above documentation. Britax will cover all postage expenses incurred for the return of the crashed restraint.

[Click here](#) for terms & conditions.

**For more information about child passenger safety visit the following websites:**

[Roads and Traffic Authority](#)

[Early Childhood Road Safety Education Program](#)

[The Motor Accidents Authority](#)

[Farmsafe Australia Inc](#)

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### Download files

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- RTA Child Restraint brochure
- New child restraint laws
- Kidsafe [A parents' guide to child restraints and car safety](#)