

# CHILD CAR SEATS

✓ **Buckle up every child on every trip.**

✓ Keep your child in the right seat for their size. Only change seats when your child becomes too big. You can do this by checking the shoulder marker.

SHOULDERS MUST BE  
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BELOW THIS LINE



✓ **Check the seat is fitted and adjusted properly as your child grows.**

Check:

- The seatbelt is buckled up and firm.
- The top tether strap is connected and not loose.
- The harnesses are not twisted and sit just at or above the shoulders. The harnesses should be firm every time your child travels in the car.

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✓ **All children must be seated in an Australian Standard's approved child car seat.**

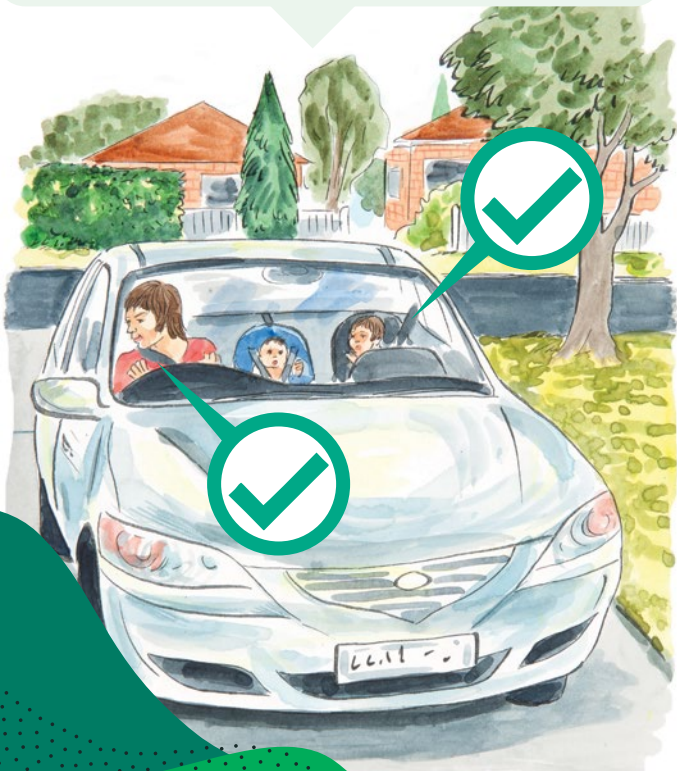


✗ Car seats from overseas are illegal to use in Australia. Never use a car seat that has been in a crash. Throw away any car seat that is not in sound condition or good working order.

It is not recommended to use a car seat that is older than 10 years.

✓ **Make sure you always buckle up too – children like to copy their parents.**

✓ **Little ones must sit in the back seat – this is the safest spot for them.**



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## Safety checklist to keep kids safe in cars

- Do you buckle up your child on every trip and check the harnesses are firm?
- Have you checked your child's car seat is fitted properly?
- Is your child kept in their car seat until they become too big for it?
- Was your child's car seat purchased in Australia and does it have an Australian Standard's sticker?
- Do you regularly check that car seats are in good condition?
- Have you read the car seat instructions carefully?
- Do your children always sit in the back seat?
- Have you checked the age of your car seat to make sure it's not more than 10 years old?



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