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*National road regulations and standards are likely to change in 2008/09. These changes will require that children use appropriate restraints by law at least until the age of seven. These changes will not affect existing restraints which will still need to comply with the standards summarised here. Check your state/territory Kidsafe or motoring organisations for specific details.

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Safety Tip No. 1

Where possible use the centre seating position of the vehicles back seat as this offers protection in side impact.

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4 to 10 years

A child should be in a booster seat with either an adult seat belt or H-harness until they weigh 26kgs or their eye level is above the top of the restraint. Booster seats with high backs, sides and an anti-submarine device or design offer additional protection in an accident. The H-harness can be used without a booster seat until 32kgs.

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6 months - 4 years

A child should be in a restraint with an inbuilt harness until 18kgs or their eye level is above the top of the restraint. Adjust the harness as a child grows. Shoulder straps should be on or slightly above the child's shoulders.

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Driveway Safety

One child, often a toddler, is run over in the driveway of their own home every week in Australia.

It is important to **SPOT THE TOT**

Walk completely around your parked car to check for children before you move your vehicle.

Make sure children are accompanied by an adult. Hold their hands firmly anywhere near vehicles.

Select a safe place for children to play away from driveways.

If you need to move a vehicle place your child securely in the vehicle before you move it.

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Safety Tip No. 2

Australian Standards* recommend that child restraints should not be used beyond 10 years from date of manufacture.

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0-6 months or 0-12 months

New born babies should be in either a baby capsule or convertible child restraint which faces rearward. For a baby to face forward they should be over 8 kgs, have good head control, be able to sit up unaided, and for baby capsules, be 70cm in length. Some convertible restraints are suitable in a rearward position until 12kg. It is important to always read the manufacturer's instructions for guidance.

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Safety Tip No. 3

If your vehicle is involved in a severe crash where the main body structure of the vehicle is distorted the child restraint should be destroyed.

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