



Child Car Restraints and Taxis

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Summary

All children should be seated in a suitable restraint when travelling in a car for their own safety. Adult seatbelts do not offer sufficient protection for babies and children and an appropriate child restraint must be used until your child reaches seven years or 26kg in weight.

Some taxis may have restraints available but you will need to book them. Alternatively you can take your own restraint or hire one to take in the taxi.

Ask the taxi company

The taxi company may charge you a surcharge for hiring a taxi equipped with a child restraint so check all charges prior to booking the taxi.

Please also ensure that you book the taxi well in advance as supply of vehicles equipped with child restraints may be limited.

Bring your own child car restraint

You can take your own Australian Standard child car restraint for use in a taxi. In this instance you will need to remove it from your car and install it in the taxi yourself. Make sure you can correctly install your child car restraint.

Taxi drivers are not required to install child car restraints nor have they been trained to do so.

You may be charged from the time you start installing the child car restraint in the stationary taxi.

Hire an Australian Standard child car restraint

You can also hire a restraint from a reputable baby equipment hire company in the area. Be sure to indicate the age, height and weight of the child to ensure the appropriate child car restraint is used.

Different hire companies will provide different services, such as airport/particular location drop-off, pick-up and installation. Prices will vary between companies and according to the items & length of hire.

Check that the child car restraint is appropriate for the child's weight and size, has the Australian standard sticker visible (see image right), is under 10 years old and that there is no sign of stress and deterioration.



Notes for overseas visitors

Your child restraint from home may not comply with Australian Standards so it is best to hire a child restraint in Australia rather than bring one from home.

If it does not have an Australian Standards sticker on the restraint it cannot be used in Australia. Australian child car restraint standards are some of the most stringent in the world and most overseas child restraints do not meet the standards and cannot legally be used in Australia. This includes restraints from the United Kingdom and United States of America.

Further information

Call the child car restraint information line on 1300 780 713 Monday to Friday 9-5pm or visit our website at www.childcarrestraints.com.au.



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