



# Child Seats Legislation



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- THE LAW:

The law requires all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child seat until they are either 135 cm in height or 12 years old (whichever they reach first).

After this they must use an adult seat belt.

*It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 14 years are restrained correctly in accordance with the law.*

**Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

- Children under 3 years old

In the Front Seat:

Children **MUST** use the correct child car seat.

In the Rear Seat

Children **MUST** use the correct child restraint.

Exception

If a child car seat is not available in a licensed taxi or licensed private hire vehicle, the child may travel unrestrained in the rear. This is the only exception for children under 3 years.

*It was introduced for practical rather than safety reasons.*

*It is the driver's legal responsibility to ensure that the child is correctly restrained.*

**Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

- Children 3 years and above, until they are EITHER 12 years old OR 135 cm tall

In the Front Seat

Children **MUST** use the correct child restraint.

In the Rear Seat

Children **MUST** use the correct restraint, where seat belts are fitted.

### Exceptions

In the rear seats of a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle

*If a child car seat is not available, children aged 3 years or older can travel in the rear wearing the adult seat belt*

*It is the driver's legal responsibility to ensure that the child is correctly restrained.*

**Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

## *The reality of the requirements:*

Type of Child Restraint	Weight Range	Approx. Age Range
Rearward-facing baby seat	Group 0 0 - 10kg (22 lbs)	Birth to 6-9 months
	Group 0+ 0 - 13kg (29 lbs)	Birth to 12-15 months
	i-size Not based on weight, but check child's height is within the range for the seat	Up to at least 15 months
Combination seat (Rearward and Forward-facing)	Group 0+ and 1 0-18 kg (40 lbs)	Birth - 4 years
	Group 0+, 1 & 2 Birth to 25 kg (55 lbs)	Birth to 6 years
Forward-facing child seat	Group 1 9-18 kg (20 - 40 lbs)	9 months - 4 years
	Group 1, 2 and 3 9 - 36 kg (20 - 79 lbs)	1 to 11 years
High-backed Booster Seat	Group 2 15 - 25 kg (33 - 55 lbs)	4 to 6 years
High-backed Booster Seat	Group 2 and 3 15 - 36 kg (33 - 79 lbs)	4 to 11 years
Booster Cushion (From 9th February 2017)	Group 3 22 - 36 kg (48 - 79 lbs) and 125cm or taller	6 - 11 years
	Group 2/3 15-36kg These seats will ultimately be phased out as manufacturers comply with the new regulation.	4-12 years

## Dogs in Vehicles

### **Rule 57 of the Highway Code states:**

When in a vehicle make sure dogs or other animals are suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly.

- *This is advisory and not a direct legal requirement in law.*
- *As with child seats there are practical issues which would directly effect PHV and Taxi drivers.*

### **Sections 168 to 171 of the Equality Act 2010**

Taxis and PHV drivers must (unless they have a medical exemption):

- **carry the assistance dog and allow it to remain with their owner**



# ANY QUESTIONS?