



## Boost your child's safety It's the Law!

From the 18th September 2006, the laws on seat belts / restraints use are changing.

If under 12 years of age and under 135cm ( 4ft 5ins), in height your child **MUST** use an appropriate seat restraint, not an adult belt\*. If in doubt contact Dudley Road Safety Unit or your local seat restraint retailer. To ensure your restraints are correctly fitted you can make an appointment at your local Fire Station who have a trained member of staff, who can check the restraint and give you advice on correct fitting.

### Recommended Guidance Child's weight and approximate height

#### Group 0 and Group 0+ Up to 10kg or 13kg respectively (birth to 9-12 months)

A rearward-facing seat which can be used in the front or rear of the car.

You **MUST NOT** use a rear-facing baby seat in a passenger seat fitted with an active front airbag.

#### Group I 9-18kg (9 months to 4 years)

A forward-facing seat which can be used in the front or rear of the car. These sometimes have a choice of upright and reclined positions.

**DO NOT** use on a passenger seat fitted with an active front airbag unless your vehicle manufacturer confirms it is safe. Check the vehicle handbook.

#### Group II 15-25kg (4 to 6 years) or 15kg and upwards (to 36kg)

A forward-facing seat or booster which can be used in the front or rear of the car.

The booster seat lifts the child and positions the adult lap and diagonal seatbelt correctly.

**DO NOT** use on a passenger seat fitted with an active front airbag unless your vehicle manufacturer confirms it is safe. Check the vehicle handbook.

#### Group III 22-36kg (6 years and up)

A forward-facing seat or booster which can be used in the front or rear of the car.

The booster seat lifts the child and positions the adult lap and diagonal seatbelt correctly.

**DO NOT** use on a passenger seat fitted with an active front airbag unless your vehicle manufacturer confirms it is safe. Check the vehicle handbook.

# Free Safety Check

## 8 out of 10

child car seats are incorrectly fitted

Are you sure your child is 100% safe?

Would you like your seat checked?

Do you have any questions about  
in-car safety?

For your **FREE** safety check or information contact your local Fire Station on:

<b>Brierley Hill</b>	01384 77778
<b>Dudley</b>	01384 253611
<b>Stourbridge</b>	01384 395223
<b>Halesowen</b>	0121 550 1127

#### Road Safety and Travel Awareness Section

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It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that the child car seat is fitted correctly to the manufacturer's instructions. If you change your car or child car seat this may effect how the seat is fitted.

