

Child Restraints in Vehicles

Policy

Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre Inc. (LEAC) will ensure that all children travelling in LEAC vehicles will be suitably restrained and that the child restraints meet the Australian Standards AS 1754.

Procedure

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child/children are correctly secured in the appropriate restraint/seat. The parent must check that the child seat/restraint is attached correctly and that their child is buckled in correctly.

Staff will check that the safety signs are on the back of the driver and passenger front seats to ensure they are visible to all parents.

If the parent is absent the driver must ensure the child is correctly secured.

Child restraints are not to be used in the front seats of a vehicle.

Children under the age of thirteen (13) are not allowed to travel in the front seat. If air bags are fitted in the vehicle and a child aged thirteen or over is seated in the front seat, the seat should be pushed back as far as possible.

The driver must ensure the child safety door locks are activated before starting the vehicle.

The following regulations apply:

- Infant restraint/capsule Approximate age range, birth to 6 months
Suitable for babies weighing up to 9 kilos and measuring 70cm in length
- Child safety seat/restraint Approximate age range 6 months to 4 years
Suitable for children weighing from 8 to 18 kilos
- Booster seat with lap sash Approximate age range 3 to 5 years
Seat belt Suitable for children weighing 14 to 26 kilos
- Child safety harness Approximate age range 3 to 10 years
Suitable with a booster seat for children weighing 14 to 16 kilos
Suitable without a booster seat for children weighing 14 to 32 kilos