

No Child Car Seat - No Excuse

Children are one of the most vulnerable people in our society, and no parent or guardian would knowingly put a child's life in danger.

However, an astonishing number of parents allow their children to travel in vehicles without being properly restrained, placing their lives and safety at risk.



150cm or **36kg**
OFFICIAL HEIGHT OFFICIAL WEIGHT

KNOW THE NEW LAW on child car seats

New EU child safety protection laws have come into force making it compulsory for all children to travel in the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion.

Where safety belts have been fitted they must be worn. Children under 3 years of age must not travel in a car or goods vehicle (other than a taxi) unless restrained in the correct child seat.

Children aged 3 years or over who are under 150cm in height and weighing less than 36 kilograms (i.e. generally children up to 11/12 years old) must use the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion when travelling in cars or goods vehicles.

Rearward-facing child car seats must NEVER be used in the front passenger seat of cars with an active airbag.

Child car seats must be in accordance with EU or United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE) standards. Drivers have a legal responsibility to ensure passengers aged under 17 use the correct seat, booster seat, booster cushion or seatbelt.



Types of child car seats

A properly fitted child restraint system keeps the child in their seat which means that your child is much less likely to be killed or injured in a crash.

Child restraints are categorised according to the weight of the children they are suitable for. These weight categories correspond broadly to different age groups, but it is the weight of the child that is most important when deciding what type of child restraint to use.

These categories are often called 'groups' by manufacturers and retailers. There are four main child car seat groups – Groups 0, 1, 2 and 3. However, some child restraints systems are convertible and can be adapted as the child grows.

GROUP	TYPE OF RESTRAINT	WEIGHT RANGE
Group 0	Rearward-facing baby seat	Birth - 10kgs (22lbs)
Group 0+	Rearward-facing baby seat	Birth - 13kgs (29lbs)
Group 1	Rearward or forward facing child seat	9-18kgs (20-40lbs)
Group 1, 2, 3	High back booster seat with removable harness	9-36kgs (20-79lbs)
Group 2	High back booster seat without harness	15-25kgs (33-55lbs)
Group 2, 3	High back booster seat without harness	15-36kgs (33-79lbs)
Group 3	Booster cushion	22-36kgs (48-79lbs)

In Ireland as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are **INCORRECTLY FITTED** which can lead to serious injury or death in a collision.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!

It is dangerous to hold a child on your lap.
In a crash the child could be crushed between your body and the car interior. Even if you use a seat belt the child would be torn from your arms. It is also dangerous to put the seat belt around you and your child (or around two children). The safest way for your child to travel is in a child seat suitable for their weight and height.



Gan Suíochán Cairr Leanaí – Gan Leithscéal

Tá leanaí i measc na ndaoine is leochailí sa tsochaí, agus ní chuirfeadh tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir ar bith beatha leanaí i mbaol go heolach.

Mar sin féin, ligeann líon iontach tuismitheoirí dá leanaí taisteal i bhfeithiclí gan iad a bheith faoi shrian ceart, rud a chuireann a mbeathaí agus a sábháilteacht i mbaol.



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AIRDE OIFIGIÚIL **MEACHAN OIFIGIÚIL**

BÍODH FIOS AGAT AR AN DLÍ maidir le suíochán cairr leanaí.

Tháinig dlíthe nua um AE i bhfeidhm a rá go bhfuil sé éigeantach go mbeadh an suíochán cairr, suíochán ardaithe nó cúisín ardaithe ceart, ann do leanaí agus iad ag taisteal. Is gá crios sábhála a chaitheamh má tá siad ann.

Níl cead ag leanaí faoi 3 bliain d'aois taistil i gcarr nó feithicil earraí (ach amháin tacsai) mura bhfuil siad faoi shrian sa suíochán leanaí ceart

Is gá leanaí atá 3 bliain nó níos sine agus iad faoi 150cm in airde agus faoi 36kg meáchain (is é sin leanaí 11/12 bliain d'aois) úsáid a bhaint as an suíochán leanaí, an suíochán ardaithe nó cúisín ardaithe agus iad ag taistil i gcarr nó i bhfeithicil earraí.

NÍ FÉIDIR úsáid a bhaint as suíochán cairr leanaí a bhfuil a aghaidh ar gcúl sa suíochán paisinéara tosaigh má tá mala aeir gníomhach ann.

Caithfear suíochán cairr leanaí bheith de réir caighdeán an AE nó an Coimisiún Eacnamaíochta na Náisiún Aontaithe don Eoraip. Tá cúram dlíthiúil ar thiománaí á gcinntiú go mbaineann paisinéirí faoi 17 mbliana d'aois úsáid as an suíochán, suíochán ardaithe, cúisín ardaithe nó crios sábhála mar is cuí.

Cinealacha De Suíochain Cairr Leanaí

Coinníonn córas ceart srianta leanaí na leanaí ina suíochán rud a chinntíonn nach dócha go ngortófar nó marófar iad de bharr timpiste.

Tá suíocháin chairr leanaí rangaithe de réir meáchain na leanaí. Comhfhreagraíonn na catagóirí meáchan seo tríd is tríd de réir aoisghrúpaí na leanaí, ach is é meáchan an linbh an rud is tábhachtaí agus cinneadh a dhéanamh faoin chineál suíochán a ba chóir a húsáid.

Go minic tugann déantóirí agus miondíoltóirí 'grúpaí' ar na catagóirí seo. Tá ceithre ghrúpa ann – Grúpa 0,1,2 agus 3. Tá cuid de na córais srianta leanaí inathraithe agus solúbtha agus is féidir iad a oiriúnú agus an leanbh ag fás.

GRÚPA	CINEÁL SRIANTA	RÉIMSE MEACHAIN
Grúpa 0	Suíochán a bhfuil a aghaidh ar chúl	Breith 10kgs (22lbs)
Grúpa 0+	Suíochán a bhfuil a aghaidh ar chúl	Breith 13kgs (29lbs)
Grúpa 1	Suíochán a bhfuil a aghaidh ar chúl no ar aghaidh	9-18kgs (20-40lbs)
Grúpa 1,2,3	Suíochán ardaithe chúl ard le húim inbhainte	9-36kgs (20-79 lbs)
Grúpa 2	Suíochán ardaithe chúl ard gan úim	15-23kgs (33-55lbs)
Grúpa 2,3	Suíochán ardaithe chúl ard gan úim	15-36kgs (33-79lbs)
Grúpa 3	Cúisín ardaithe	22-36kgs (48-79lbs)

In Éirinn tá 4 as 5 de na suíocháin **FEISTITHE GO MÍCHEART** rud ar féidir bheith freagrach do ghortú tromchúiseach nó bás i dtimpiste.

NÓTA TABHACHTACH!!!

Tá sé dainséarach leanbh a choinneal ar do ghlúin.

I gcás timpiste, bheadh an leanbh brúite idir do chorp agus laistigh den charr. Fiú amháin agus tú ag baint úsáid as crios sábhála, bheadh an leanbh stróicthe ó do lámha. Tá sé dainséarach, chomh maith, an crios sábhála a chuir timpeall tú féin agus do leanbh (nó timpeall beirt leanbh). Is é an dóigh is sábháilte taistealta do do leanbh nó i suíochán cairr atá oiriúnach dá meáchan agus d'airde.

