Driving with children

Every second child is seated incorrectly. Help make a difference!

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Secure your child correctly in the car!

- Around 400 children are involved in car accidents every year.
- Every second child is not secured properly. Every fourteenth child is not even wearing a seat belt.
- Without a child seat, children are three times more likely to be seriously injured or killed in the event of an accident.

Important:
- For children under 12 years who are smaller than 150 cm, suitable child restraint systems (e.g. a booster seat with or without backrest) must be used on seats fitted with three-point seat belts (in accordance with art. 3a VRV).
- The child seat must be approved in accordance with either the ECE-R44/03 or 04, or R129 (usually indicated by an orange label).
- Pay attention to the instruction manuals for the child seat and the car.
- The seat belt should sit as close to the child's body as possible (winter jackets should be opened or removed to ensure maximum protection).

Child seats save lives – but only when they're used correctly!

### Babies
- Baby seats should always be installed facing backwards.
- Never use a baby seat on the front passenger seat if the front airbag is activated. Instead, install the seat on one of the rear seats.
- Change to the next largest seat when your child's head extends beyond the edge of the baby seat. According to the new ECE-R129 norm, children under the age of 15 months must be seated facing backwards.

### Little kids
- Make sure the child seat is securely attached to the car (if it’s too loose, it’s no good!).
- Child seats with Isofix connections (standardised plug connections): check the seat’s car type list to make sure it is approved for use with your car.
- Change to the next largest group when your child’s head extends beyond the edge of the child seat.

### Big kids
- Children up to 12 years of age or 150 cm tall (whichever comes first) require a booster seat, ideally with a backrest for increased comfort and safety. Simple booster seats are permitted, but do not provide any protection during side-on collisions.
- Make sure the seat belt is correctly and securely fastened.
- For big kids too, the safest seats in the car are the rear seats.

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**Selection according to height in cm**

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* In accordance with the new ECE-R129 norm, child seats must be attached facing backwards until children are 15 months old.

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