



# KEEPING SAFE ON THE ROAD

## PASSENGER SAFETY

### Tips for parents/guardians

It is important to ensure your child is safe in your vehicle.

Please reinforce the following tips:

#### **Wearing seatbelts:**

- Children learn by seeing, so set a good example and wear your seatbelt at all times.
- Make sure your children are properly restrained.
- Visit [mylicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/seatbelts-and-child-restraints](http://mylicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/seatbelts-and-child-restraints) for further information on seatbelts and child restraints.

#### **Front passenger seat:**

Children aged seven years and over can sit in the front passenger seat, however we advise against this because most cars are fitted with airbags and if deployed, may cause serious injury— It is best to wait until they are 12 years old.

#### **Loose items in vehicles:**

If a child needs a toy for the car, we suggest a soft toy. If it is not being used, the toy should be placed on the floor or in the cargo area of the vehicle so they do not become missiles if the vehicle stops suddenly. Make sure toys are not placed on the rear window shelf. If they drop their toy, tell them that an adult will pick it up when it is safe to do so.

#### **The safety door:**

- The safety door is the door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your children always use the safety door when exiting a vehicle.

For further road safety information visit [www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/road-safety](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/road-safety)



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