

# Going by car

## Help your child to:

- Wait until the car has stopped before getting in.
- Get in and out of the car from the footpath side only.
- Sit in the back seat of the car.
- Understand not to distract the driver. They need to concentrate.
- Keep their hands and legs inside the car.
- Check with the driver before opening the windows for any reason.
- Wait until the car has stopped before taking off the child restraint.
- Look out for pedestrians and cyclists when opening the door.
- Use the door handle to close the door gently but firmly.



## For more information

For general enquiries, or more information about road and rail safety for children, please email [info@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:info@nzta.govt.nz) or visit [education.nzta.govt.nz](http://education.nzta.govt.nz).

## As a caregiver, what am I responsible for?

- Obey variable speed limit or active warning signs near schools when they are activated (40km/h in urban areas; 60-70km/h on rural roads).
- Children must be correctly secured in an 'approved' child restraint until their seventh birthday.

## What else can I do to help my child be safer in or around cars?

- Park safely – away from yellow lines, pedestrian crossings, intersections and driveways.
- Park on the same side of the road as your destination.
- Walk to school with your child, meet them after school and walk them to your car.
- Never call to a child from across the road.
- Make sure child restraints are standards-approved and fitted properly.

